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IT'S TIME FOR ME TO TURN MYSELF IN.
IT SEEMS WE HAVE A DEAL.
THE KINGPIN IS AT YOUR SERVICE, MS. STACY.
ROXXON ENERGY
ALPHA
wasp
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, HARRY.
THIS IS THE SUPPRESSANT FOR THE LIZARD MUTAGEN.
TAKE YOUR LIFE BACK.

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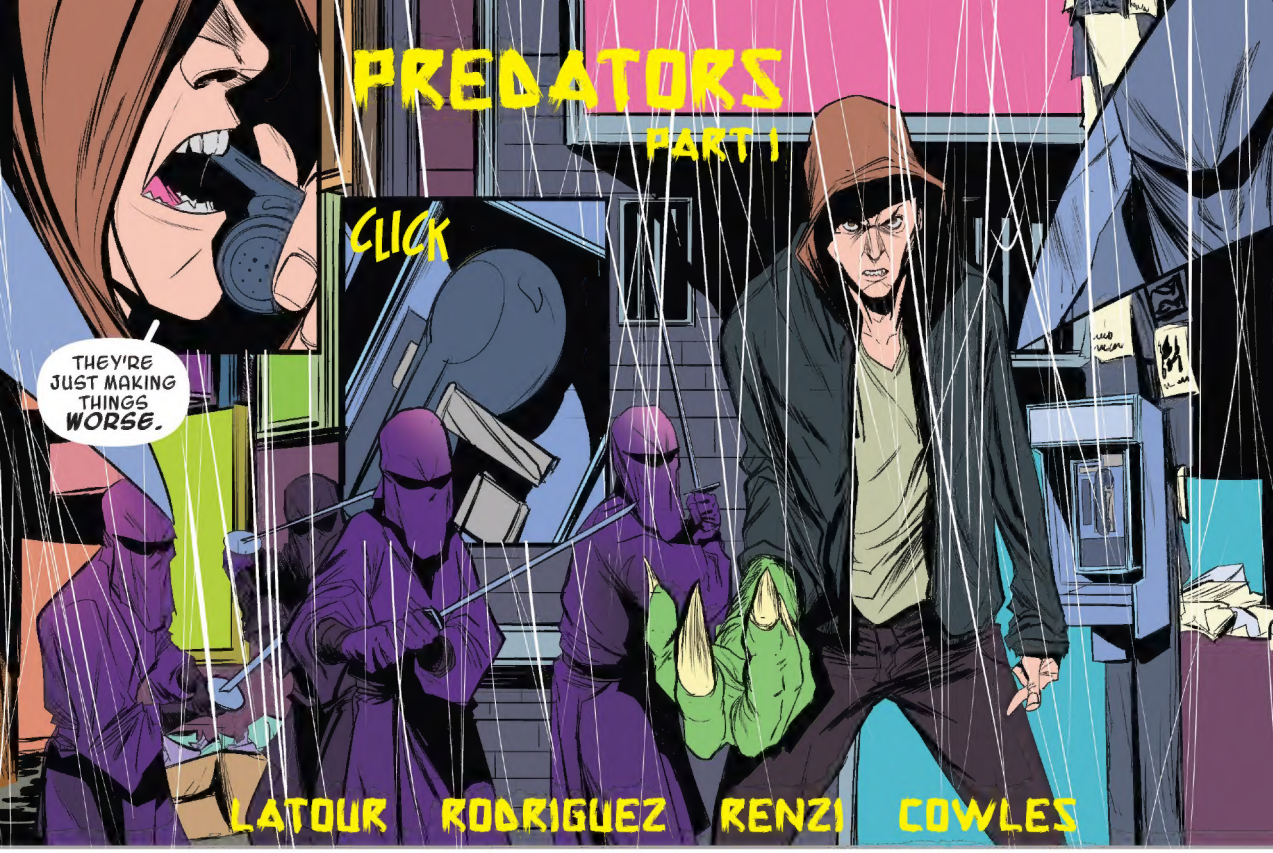
HEY, YOU'VE REACHED GWEN.
THE ISLAND OF MADRIPOOR, EARTH-65.
I'M EITHER SLEEPING OR ON THE SUBWAY OR I FORGOT TO PAY THE BILL AGAIN...
ANYWAY, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE BEEEP!---
GWEN... IT'S ME...
HARRY...
...HARRY OSBORN.
LOOK, I HAVE TO HURRY. JUST--JUST...
YOU HAVE TO TALK TO MY DAD.
GET HIM TO STOP. MAKE THEM STOP... PLEASE...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THEY'RE JUST MAKING THINGS WORSE.
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UNKNOWN CALLER
FREEZE! DON'T MOVE!
AW, C'MON, MAN. MY PHONE IS GONNA GO TO--

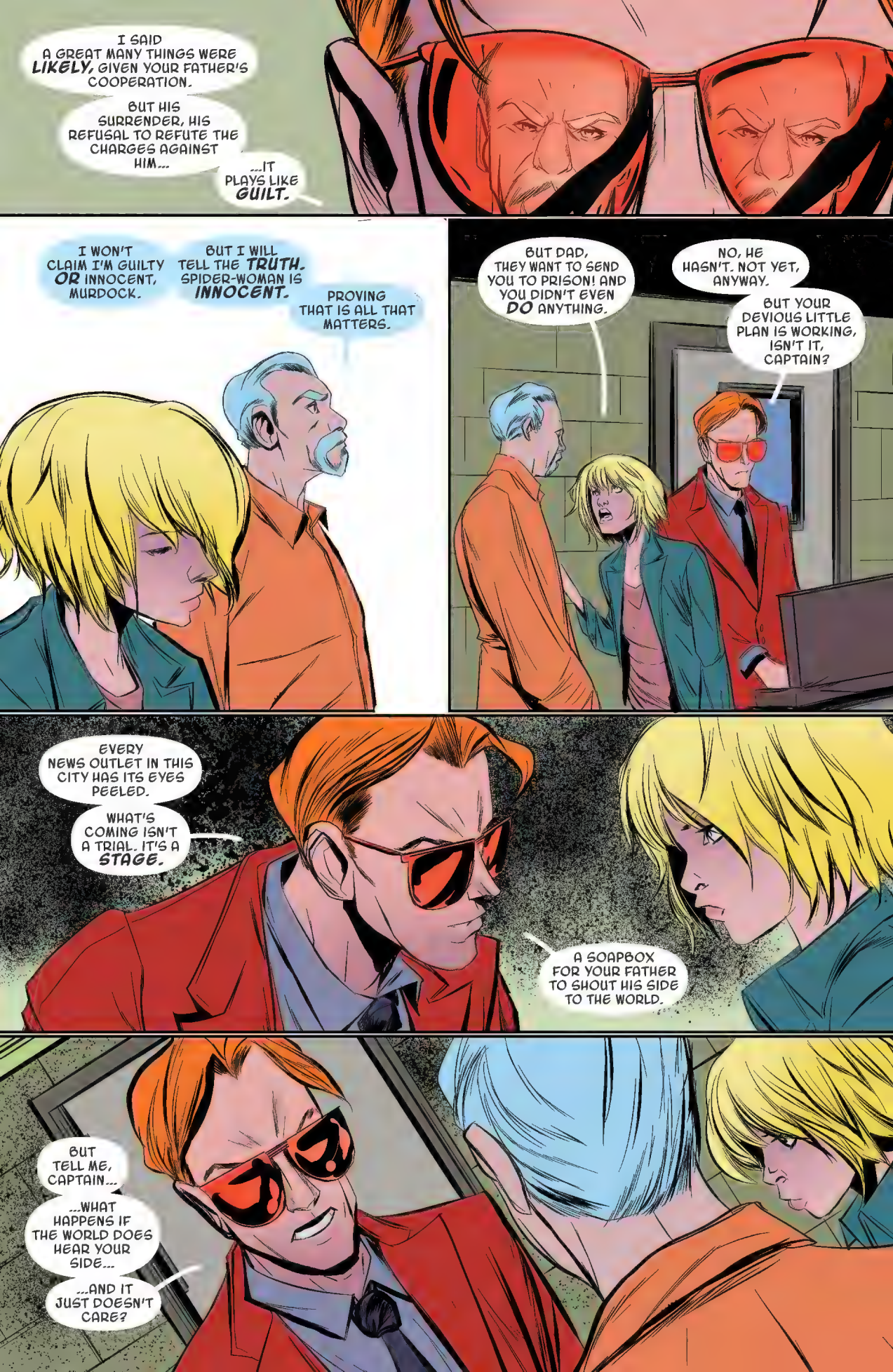
NEW MISSED CALL
UNKNOWN NUMBER
159 NEW VOICE MAILS
RRRGH. VOICE. MAIL.

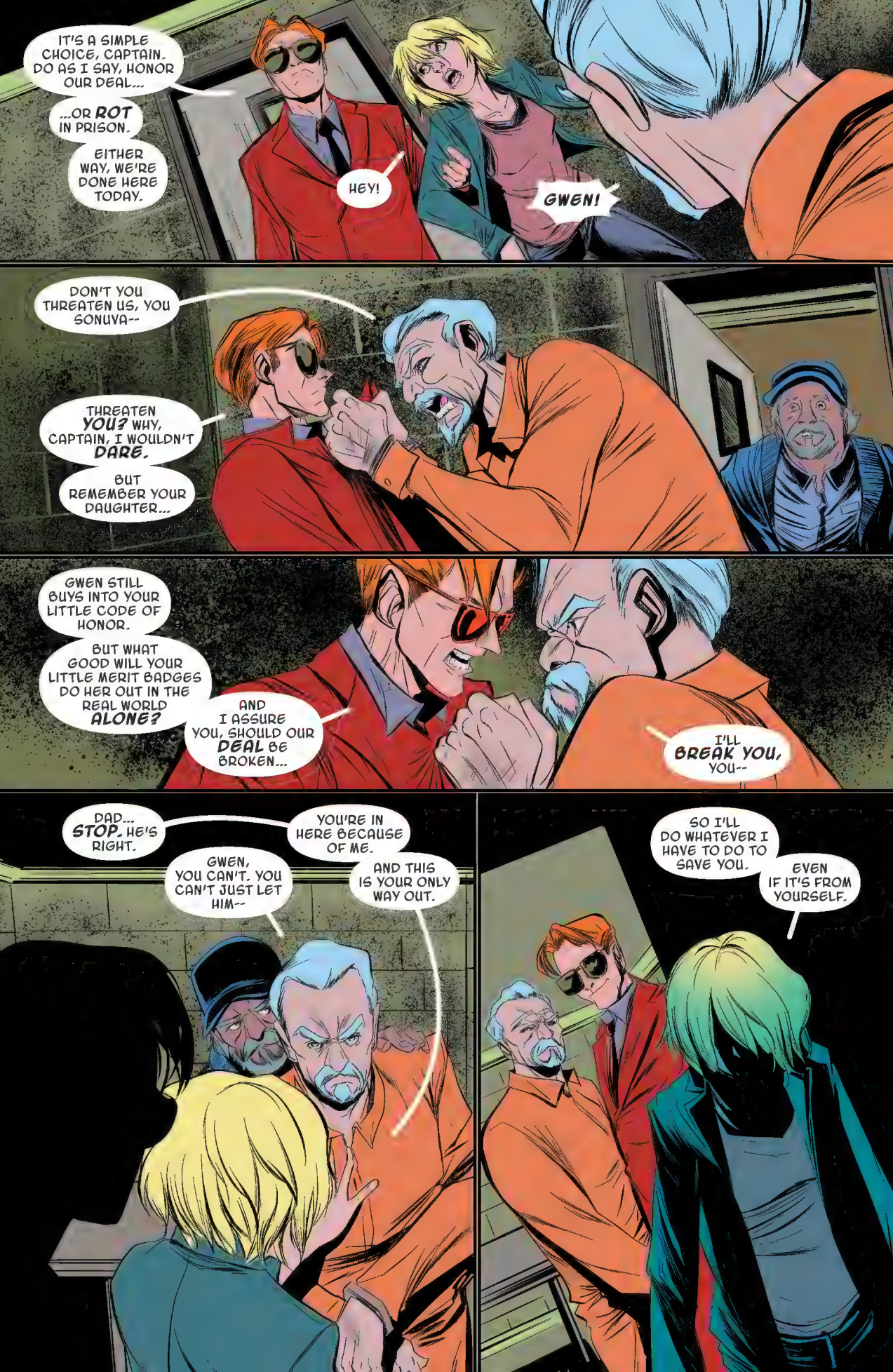
UGH. TIMES SQUARE, UGH. MANHATTAN, EARTH-65.
I AIN'T PLAYIN'! GET OFF THE CART, SPIDER-LADY! NOW!
SQUIRREL EARL'S
UM...OKAY. SOOOOOO, WHICH ONE?
FREEZE OR GET OFF THE CART?
I GAVE YOU AN ORDER, LADY!
YEAH, TWO DIFFERENT ORDERS. YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY CLEAR, MAN.
OFFICER, PLEASE...
...ALL SHE HAS DONE IS BUY CASHEWS...
SIR-- THIS WOMAN IS A DANGEROUS FUGITIVE!
NO TELLIN' WHO OR WHAT SHE IS UNDER THAT MASK!
JUST STAY CALM, STAY DOWN... WE'LL HAVE YOU OUTTA DANGER IN NO TIME.
"OUT OF"? DUDE! YOU'RE THE ONE PUTTING HIM IN DANGER!
HURRY, GARY!
GET THIS FOOTAGE BEFORE SHE--
FOOTAGE?! WHAT?! WHY?!
ALL I WANTED WAS A STREET SNACK!
IT'S MY GOD-GIVEN RIGHT AS A NATIVE NEW YORKER...

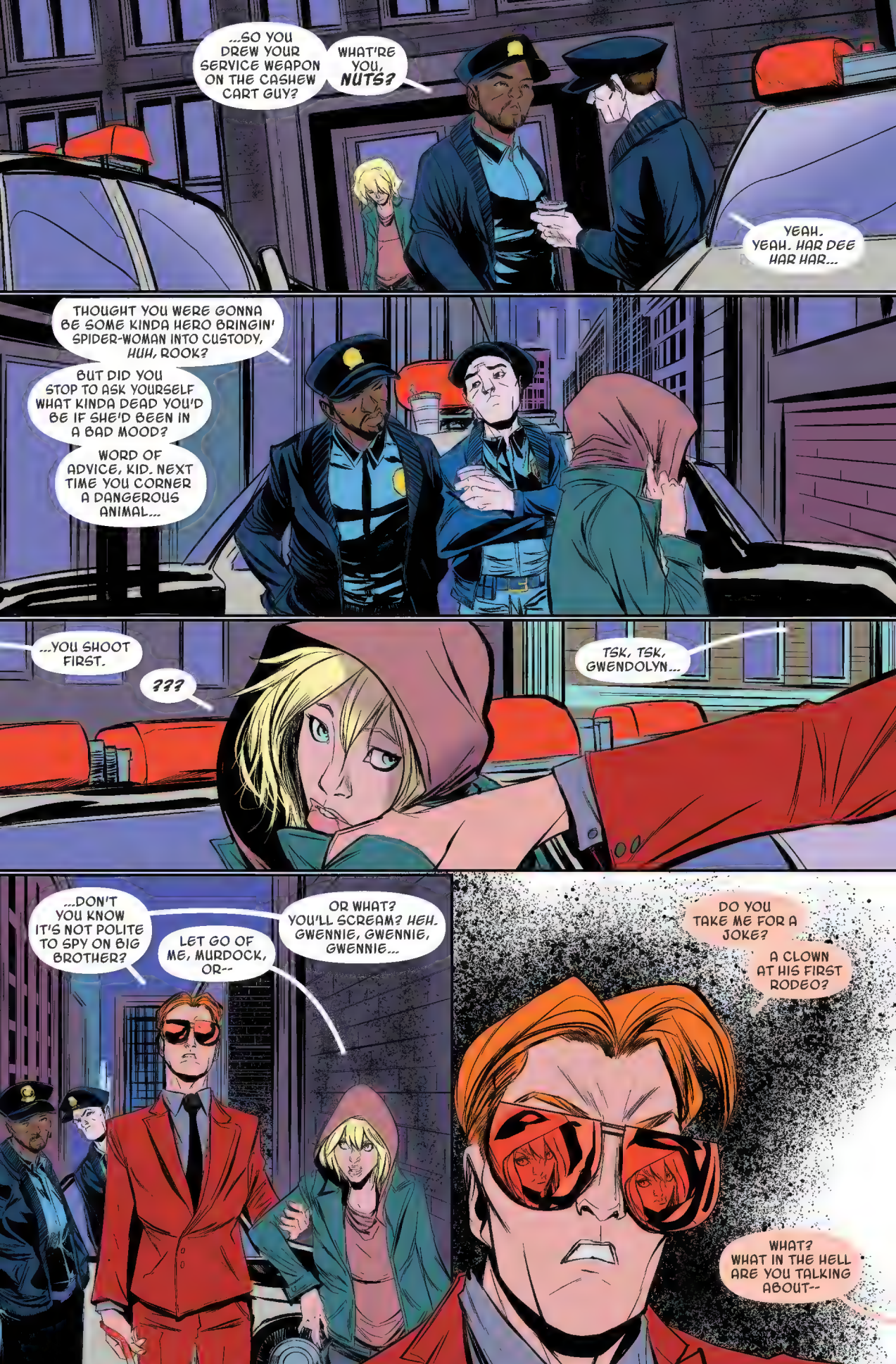
"...WHAT KINDA PSYCHOS THINK THIS IS NEWS?!"
OOOH! GUYS! GWEN'S ON TEE-VEE!
RRRGH. STOP IT, EM-JAY.
GWEN IS NOT SPIDER-WOMAN.
AW, C'MON...
...ALL THIS STUFF WITH HER DAD AND SPIDER-WOMAN...
...AND WHY ARE THEY NEVER IN THE SAME PLACE AT THE SAME TIME, HUH?
HMM... I'M NEVER IN THE SAME PLACE AS SPIDER-WOMAN, EITHER...
GUYS... MAYBE I'M SPIDER-WOMAN?
YOU AND THESE CONSPIRACIES. IS THE PRESIDENT AN INTERDIMENSIONAL LIZARD-MAN NOW, EM-JAY?
TEXT HER, THEN. SEE IF SHE ANSWERS.
FINE.
TO GWEN: Hey, dork...
Glory
...wave at the camera.
Glory
DING
NO WAY...

"...COMPLETELY A COINCIDENCE."
"WAVE AT THE CAMERA"? GLORY, WHAT KINDA TEXT IS--
SPIDER-WOMAN! SPIDER-WOMAN!
MELITA GARNER, DAILY GLOBE!
ANY COMMENT ON THE PENDING TRIAL OF CAPTAIN GEORGE STACY?
UH... WELL...
DO YOU SIDE WITH HIS CLAIMS OF YOUR INNOCENCE?
OR OF THE MASSIVE CONSPIRACY TO COVER UP THE MIDTOWN HIGH LIZARD'S DISAPPEARANCE?
OKAY, ONE: FREE GEORGE STACY!
TWO: YES!
AND THREE: TABLOID NONSENSE!
THWAP
THWAP
JUST KIDDING. THE LIZARD THING IS TOTALLY REAL.
UGH. ONE MISSED--UNKNOWN CALLER?
Are you sure you want to delete?
DELETE? YES!
DELETE THIS WHOLE STUPID DAY...
YOINK

"...DELETE THIS WHOLE STUPID YEAR!"
"ONE DAY, GWEN.
"ONE DAY YOU'RE GONNA BE ON TIME..."
...AND THEN I'LL BE REALLY WORRIED.
SORRY, DAD. TRAFFIC WAS, UH...
SAY IT! JUST SAY "NUTS"!
...BAD. REAL BAD.
MS. STACY...
MURDOCK.
THWAK
I BILL HOURLY, GWENDOLYN.
MEANING, AS RULE, I ENCOURAGE MY CLIENTS TO TAKE ALL THE TIME THEY NEED.
HERE, HOWEVER...
...MY SOLE COMPENSATION IS ENSURING THAT YOUR FATHER SEES JUSTICE.
...IT SEEMS WE HAVE A DEAL.
THE KINGPIN IS AT YOUR SERVICE, MS. STACY.
AND SPIDER-WOMAN IS IN MINE.
IN OTHER WORDS, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.
YOUR FATHER'S TRIAL DATE HAS BEEN MOVED UP. FAST-TRACKED.
WAIT, WHAT? BUT YOU SAID IT WOULD TAKE MONTHS!
YOU SAID--


I SAID A GREAT MANY THINGS WERE LIKELY, GIVEN YOUR FATHER'S COOPERATION.
BUT HIS SURRENDER, HIS REFUSAL TO REFUTE THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM...
...IT PLAYS LIKE GUILT.
I WON'T CLAIM I'M GUILTY OR INNOCENT, MURDOCK.
BUT I WILL TELL THE TRUTH. SPIDER-WOMAN IS INNOCENT.
PROVING THAT IS ALL THAT MATTERS.
BUT DAD, THEY WANT TO SEND YOU TO PRISON! AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING.
NO, HE HASN'T. NOT YET, ANYWAY.
BUT YOUR DEVIOUS LITTLE PLAN IS WORKING, ISN'T IT, CAPTAIN?
EVERY NEWS OUTLET IN THIS CITY HAS ITS EYES PEELED.
WHAT'S COMING ISN'T A TRIAL. IT'S A STAGE.
A SOAPBOX FOR YOUR FATHER TO SHOUT HIS SIDE TO THE WORLD.
BUT TELL ME, CAPTAIN...
...WHAT HAPPENS IF THE WORLD DOES HEAR YOUR SIDE...
...AND IT JUST DOESN'T CARE?


IT'S A SIMPLE CHOICE, CAPTAIN. DO AS I SAY, HONOR OUR DEAL...
...OR ROT IN PRISON.
EITHER WAY, WE'RE DONE HERE TODAY.
HEY!
GWEN!
DON'T YOU THREATEN US, YOU SONUVA--
THREATEN YOU? WHY, CAPTAIN, I WOULDN'T DARE.
BUT REMEMBER YOUR DAUGHTER...
GWEN STILL BUYS INTO YOUR LITTLE CODE OF HONOR.
BUT WHAT GOOD WILL YOUR LITTLE MERIT BADGES DO HER OUT IN THE REAL WORLD ALONE?
AND I ASSURE YOU, SHOULD OUR DEAL BE BROKEN...
I'LL BREAK YOU, YOU--
DAD... STOP. HE'S RIGHT.
YOU'RE IN HERE BECAUSE OF ME.
GWEN, YOU CAN'T. YOU CAN'T JUST LET HIM--
AND THIS IS YOUR ONLY WAY OUT.
SO I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO DO TO SAVE YOU.
EVEN IF IT'S FROM YOURSELF.


...SO YOU DREW YOUR SERVICE WEAPON ON THE CASHEW CART GUY?
WHAT'RE YOU, NUTS?
YEAH. YEAH. HAR DEE HAR HAR...
THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA BE SOME KINDA HERO BRINGIN' SPIDER-WOMAN INTO CUSTODY, HUH, ROOK?
BUT DID YOU STOP TO ASK YOURSELF WHAT KINDA DEAD YOU'D BE IF SHE'D BEEN IN A BAD MOOD?
WORD OF ADVICE, KID. NEXT TIME YOU CORNER A DANGEROUS ANIMAL...
...YOU SHOOT FIRST.
???
TSK, TSK, GWENDOLYN...
...DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S NOT POLITE TO SPY ON BIG BROTHER?
LET GO OF ME, MURDOCK, OR--
OR WHAT? YOU'LL SCREAM? HEH. GWENNIE, GWENNIE, GWENNIE...
DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A JOKE?
A CLOWN AT HIS FIRST RODEO?
WHAT? WHAT IN THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT--

I ASKED IF YOU TAKE ME FOR A CLOWN.
I ASKED YOU TO ASSURE YOUR FATHER'S COOPERATION.
I ASKED YOU TO BRING ME THE SCORPION'S HEAD.
I ASKED YOU TO HONOR OUR DEAL.
AND SO FAR I'VE GOTTEN SO VERY LITTLE OF WHAT I'VE ASKED FOR.
HEY! HEY, BUDDY--THERE A PROBLEM HERE?
STOP, YOU IDIOT. DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THAT IS?! I AT LEAST KNOW THAT!
I DON'T CARE WHO HE THINKS HE IS. HE CAN'T JUST--
MATT. MURDOCK.
WAIT. THAT'S HIM? THAT'S THE KING--
SHUT UP, KINSEY. SHUT UP AND WALK.
YOU CAN'T SCARE ME INTO DOING WHATEVER YOU WANT LIKE YOU DO TO EVERYONE ELSE, MURDOCK.
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF... WE HAVE A DEAL.
YOU OWE ME, TOO.
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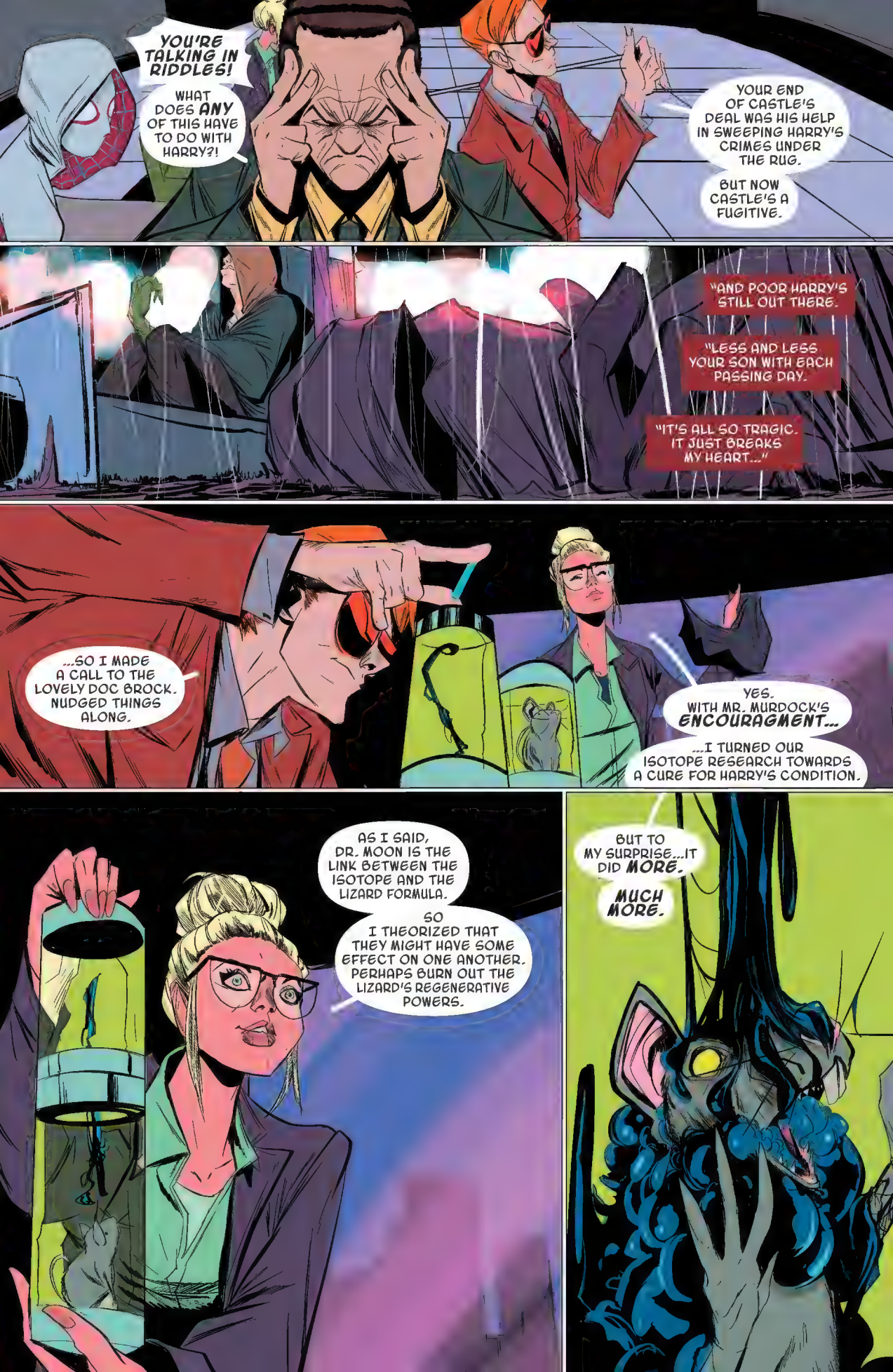
WHAT I WANT, MS. STACY, IS YOU. SUITED UP. POWERED UP.
OSCORP
WHAT I WANT IS TO SEE SPIDER-WOMAN ATOP OSCORP TOWER IN TEN MINUTES.
AND BELIEVE ME, YOU WANT TO TAKE ME VERY SERIOUSLY...

"...BECAUSE I AM NO LONGER ASKING."
OSCORP
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND, MURDOCK?!
NORMAN, RELAX. YOU'RE GOING TO CRINKLE YOUR PERM.
SPIDER-WOMAN'S HERE TO HELP.
"HELP"?! SHE'S A FUGITIVE! A KILLER!
HARRY LOST HIS DAMNED MIND SEEKING VENGEANCE FOR WHAT SHE DID TO THAT PARKER BOY!
NO.
PETER PARKER WAS MY FRIEND. AND YOUR SON...
HARRY OSBORN IS MY FRIEND.
AND WHAT ABOUT HIM? IS HE YOUR FRIEND, TOO?
THE DAMNED KINGPIN OF CRIME?!
HEH. OH, NORMAN...I'VE SEEN YOUR TAX RETURNS.
YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON WHO SHOULD THROW AROUND TERMS LIKE "CRIME."
OSCORP
BESIDES, I KNOW ALL ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH HARRY.
HOW HE CAME TO YOU AFTER HIS LITTLE RUN-IN WITH SPIDER-WOMAN AND S.H.I.E.L.D....

"...LOOKING FOR DADDY'S HELP..."
CURE YOU?! ARE YOU INSANE?! I CAN'T--I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO--
YOU'RE A FUGITIVE, HARRY! A TRAITOR TO S.H.I.E.L.D.! TO YOUR COUNTRY!
DAD... I...
DO YOU KNOW THE SHAME YOU'VE BROUGHT ON THIS FAMILY?!
YOU'VE RISKED ALL WE HAVE--ALL I'VE BUILT!
HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME?!
TO YOU?!
DO THIS TO YOU?!
"NOT YOUR FINEST HOUR, WAS IT, NORMAN?"

I'M CAPTAIN STACY'S LAWYER. I'VE READ THE CASE FILES, READ DETECTIVE DEWOLFF'S REPORT.
I KNOW ABOUT YOUR DEAL WITH FRANK CASTLE.
CASTLE?!
HE GAVE YOU A RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPE LIKE THIS ONE.*
ASKED YOU TO UNLOCK ITS SECRETS.
*SEE WEAPON OF CHOICE. -NICK
SO THAT'S IT? YOU WANT ME TO RE-CREATE HER POWERS?
HEH. CINDY MOON CREATED SPIDER-WOMAN, NORMAN.
THAT WOULD BE LIKE ASKING A HOUSE PAINTER TO RE-CREATE THE SISTINE CHAPEL.
YOU CAN'T DO IT. WELL...NOT EXACTLY.
YOU CAN COME IN NOW, DR. BROCK...
HELLO, MR. OSBORN.
ELSA... WHAT IS THIS?
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING WITH MURDOCK?! YOU'VE BEEN--
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR WHAT YOU ASKED, MR. OSBORN.
I'VE FOUND A WAY TO GET YOUR SON BACK.

HSSSSHHH!
UM...
...WHAT. THE. #$%*?
THIS, SPIDER-WOMAN... IS THE NEXT STEP.
THE NEW YOU.
"AS MR. MURDOCK SAID, DR. CINDY MOON IS A GENIUS.
"BY UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF ALIEN 'SPIDER PARASITES'*...
"...SHE NOT ONLY CREATED THE SPIDER WHICH GAVE SPIDER-WOMAN HER POWERS...
*SEE THE SPIDER-WOMEN CROSSOVER SERIES!
"...BUT HANDED DR. CURT CONNORS THE KEYS TO HIS LIZARD FORMULA."
"WAIT. YOU'RE SAYING..."
"YES, SPIDER-WOMAN. NEITHER YOU NOR THE LIZARD WOULD EXIST WITHOUT THE GENIUS OF CINDY MOON."
OKAAAAY...
UM. THIS ONE IS CLEARLY CRAZY. TOTALLY CURLY FRIES.
AHHHHSSSS


YOU'RE TALKING IN RIDDLES!
WHAT DOES ANY OF THIS HAVE TO DO WITH HARRY?!
YOUR END OF CASTLE'S DEAL WAS HIS HELP IN SWEEPING HARRY'S CRIMES UNDER THE RUG.
BUT NOW CASTLE'S A FUGITIVE.
"AND POOR HARRY'S STILL OUT THERE.
"LESS AND LESS YOUR SON WITH EACH PASSING DAY.
"IT'S ALL SO TRAGIC. IT JUST BREAKS MY HEART..."
...SO I MADE A CALL TO THE LOVELY DOC BROCK. NUDGED THINGS ALONG.
YES. WITH MR. MURDOCK'S ENCOURAGMENT...
...I TURNED OUR ISOTOPE RESEARCH TOWARDS A CURE FOR HARRY'S CONDITION.
AS I SAID, DR. MOON IS THE LINK BETWEEN THE ISOTOPE AND THE LIZARD FORMULA.
SO I THEORIZED THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME EFFECT ON ONE ANOTHER. PERHAPS BURN OUT THE LIZARD'S REGENERATIVE POWERS.
BUT TO MY SURPRISE...IT DID MORE.
MUCH MORE.

THE OOZE CREATED BY EXPOSING THE LIZARD SERUM TO DR. MOON'S RADIATION IS A MUTANT COUSIN OF AGENT DREW'S ORIGINAL ALIEN PARASITE.
SIMILARLY, IT EVEN GRANTS ITS HOST POWERS FAMILIAR TO YOUR OWN, SPIDER-WOMAN.
THOUGH NOT WITHOUT... PECULIARITIES.
THE VENOM ABSORBS THE ISOTOPE TO LIVE. BUT IT ALSO AMPLIFIES IT.
IT BEGINS TO EMIT ITS RADIATION NATURALLY.
AN ODD SIDE EFFECT FOR THE PARASITE...
...A DEADLY RESULT FOR THE HOST.
AND THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, SPIDER-WOMAN.
YOUR BODY--YOUR BLOOD--IS IMMUNE TO THE RADIATION.
THE VENOM CAN MAKE YOU WHOLE AGAIN.

SEE WHAT I MEAN?
YES. CLOWN TOWN CURLY FRIES.
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR #$%@ GOURDS.
YOU WANT TO INFECT ME WITH A SNOT PARASITE?
NO. NOT YET, AT LEAST.
WE NEED HARRY OSBORN. YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS OUR BEST CHANCE OF LURING HIM HOME.
AND IF I DO? THEN WHAT?
HARRY'S BEEN A LIZARD TOO LONG. ADVANCED BEYOND ANY EXISTING TREATMENT...
...BUT IF WE USE THE ISOTOPE TO MUTATE HIS BLOOD INTO VENOM...
...WE CAN DRAW THE PARASITE OUT OF HIM TO IT, LIKE A MOTH TO A FLAME.
AND THEN WHAT?! TURN ME INTO A FREAK SHOW WITH THE TOXIC TURTLE OOZE THAT'S LEFT OVER?!
AS I SAID... YOU'RE IMMUNE. THE RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE...
SYMBIOTIC.
HARRY GETS HIS LIFE BACK. NORMAN GETS HIS SON BACK.
YOU REGAIN YOUR POWERS. THE VENOM GETS A HOME.
ALL WE DO IS WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN.

OSCORP
AND WHAT DO YOU GET, HUH, MURDOCK?!
YOUR OWN PET MONSTER?! A FREAK YOU CAN--
PLEASE.
OSCORP
HARRY DID THIS BECAUSE OF YOU. BECAUSE HE THOUGHT YOU--
HARRY DID THIS TO HIMSELF.
AND YOU COULD HAVE HELPED HIM-- YOU SHOULD HAVE--
PLEASE.
PLEASE... I'M BEGGING YOU.
AS HIS FATHER.
PLEASE HELP ME FIX THIS.
DAMN IT.
OKAY.
OKAY, YOU EVIL @#%*. YOU WIN AGAIN...

MADRIPOOR.
"...I'M IN."
MASTER...
...MASTER SPIDER. WE AWAIT YOUR ORDERS.
MY WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN MY--
OH, GUYS, GUYS--NO. LOOK, I APPRECIATE THE LIFT, BUT--
NO. I DON'T DO ENTOURAGE.
I TOLD MURDOCK I DON'T NEED ALL OF--THIS.
IF WE DO FIND HARRY, YOU'RE GONNA SPOOK HIM. YOU'RE SPOOKING ME.
JUST... JUST... AUGH...

...JUST WAIT HERE.
HEH. WELL, LOOK AT THAT.
THE SPIDER-WOMAN.
FRIENDS LIKE THESE...HUH, OSBORN?
THUNK!
WHO NEEDS ENEMIES?
SNICK!
NEXT: THE WOLVERINE... OF EARTH-65!

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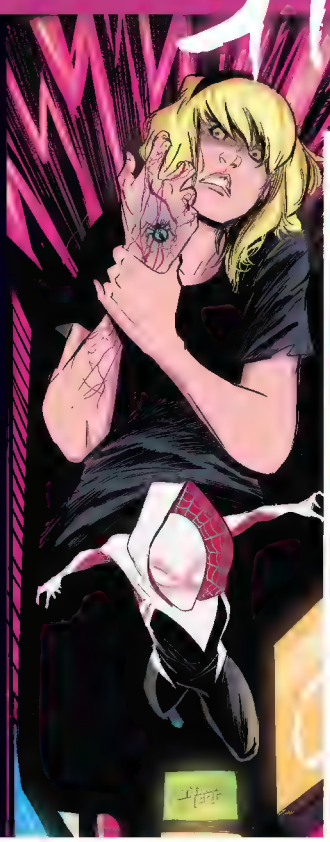

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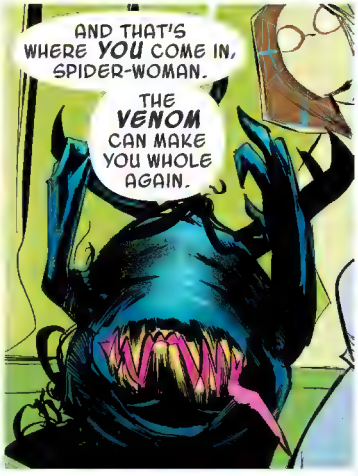

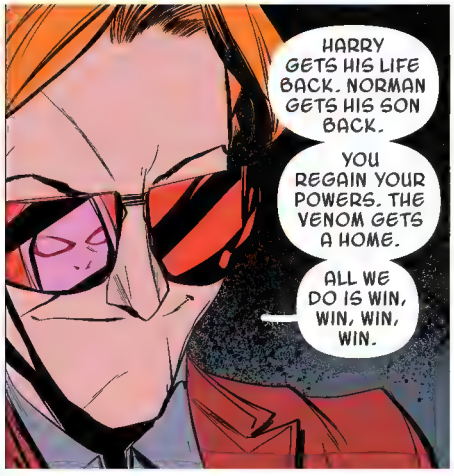

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HNNF!
HNNF!
HARRY!
MADRIPOOR.
STOP!
RRNF!
HRRRNGH!

HNNGF!
DAMN.
IT.
HNNF... HNNF... HNNF...
HARRY.
HRRRNGGH!
STOP!

THUMP
HGNK!
UNGF!
SMASH!
HUNNNGH...
YOU HAVE TO STOP FIGHTING...STOP RUNNING...
I'M HERE TO HELP YOU, MAN.
YOU... NOT...NOT... RUNNING...
NOT RUNNING FROM YOU...
LED HIM HERE...LED HIM RIGHT TO ME...

"HIM"? HARRY, WHAT'RE YOU--LED WHO?
HIM!
HEH. NOT ASHAMED TO ADMIT I MISJUDGED YOU, OSBORN.
MISTOOK THAT BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD FOR EASY MONEY.
LOW-HANGING FRUIT.
KAFIC KAFIC KAFIC KAFIC KAFIC
BUT YOU'VE FOUGHT WELL, SON. HONORABLY.
STILL-- IT'S TIME TO COME ALONG NOW. QUIETLY. PEACEFULLY...
NO NEED FOR YOUR FRIEND HERE TO GET CAUGHT IN OUR CROSSFIRE.
MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE--
--OR WHAT YOUR BUSINESS WITH HARRY IS, BUT--
HEH. NO, DARLIN'.
DON'T EXPECT YOU'D KNOW MY BUSINESS.
NOT A LOT OF FOLKS BREATHIN' WHO DO.

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OH, MY GOD. THIS GUY.
RRRRRGGGH!
HUNGH!
WHO THE @$%# IS THIS GUY?!
WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN INTO, HARRY?
C'MON-- UPSY-DAISY, WE GOTTA GET GHOST LIKE SWAYZE!
GUY HAS MURDER HANDS, GWENNIE. MAYBE DON'T SAY...
...GHOST?
WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?
IT'S OKAY, HARRY. REALLY. YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS, BUT--
--THE NINJAS ARE WITH ME.

WITH YOU?!
THESE NINJAS WORK FOR THE HAND!
THEY'VE BEEN HUNTING ME FOR WEEKS!
RRAAAUUGGH!
HUNGGH!
THWAAPP
THWAAPP
I KNEW IT. I WASN'T SENT TO TALK SENSE INTO HARRY.
MURDOCK SENT ME AS BAIT.
LOOK, HARRY-- YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME, OKAY?
I KNOW THIS LOOKS BAD, BUT--
BAD? BAD?!
IT DOESN'T GET MUCH WORSE THAN THIS!
THAT GUY? HE'S-- OH, GOD--

HE'S... THE IMMORTAL Mr. MURDERHANDS

"WHAT? HARRY, THAT NAME IS RIDICU--"

"HEY, DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO HE IS OR NOT?

"ANYWAY...**LEGEND** HAS IT HE WAS A SAMURAI.

"**THE** SAMURAI.

"ONCE.

LET...LET ME DIE, YOU OLD CRONE...

IT'S WHAT I DESERVE...

HEH... NO, OLD BOY.

EVEN **HELL'S** NOT DESERVING OF A **KILLER** SUCH AS YOU.

"I CURSE YOU TO LONG TREAD THIS EARTH, LOGAN.

"A DAY FOR EVERY LIFE YOU'VE TAKEN...

FANCY CLOTHES, STRANGER.

MUST'VE COST A FORTUNE, EH?

"...AND A DAY FOR EVERY LIFE YOU'LL TAKE."

WELCOME TO COLD LAKE

I TOLD YOU NO, STRYKER.

JUST LET ME LIVE OUT MY YEARS IN PEACE.

HEH. RUMOR HAS IT YOU'RE UNKILLABLE, MY FRIEND.

WEAPON X JUST WANTS TO SEE IF IT'S TRUE.

"WHEN I WAS AT S.H.I.E.L.D., I PEEKED INTO LOGAN'S **CLASSIFIED FILE.**

"WEAPON X ERASED WHO HE WAS.

RARRRGGGH!

"SO NOW LOGAN'S CURSED BY A PAST HE DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER...

I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHO THE HELL I AM.

WELL, THAT, MR. LOGAN, IS SOMETHING I CAN'T ANSWER.

"...SO HE'S DOOMED TO REPEAT IT."

BUT IF YOU'LL JOIN US--

--S.H.I.E.L.D. IS HAPPY TO HELP YOU BE ALL YOU CAN BE.

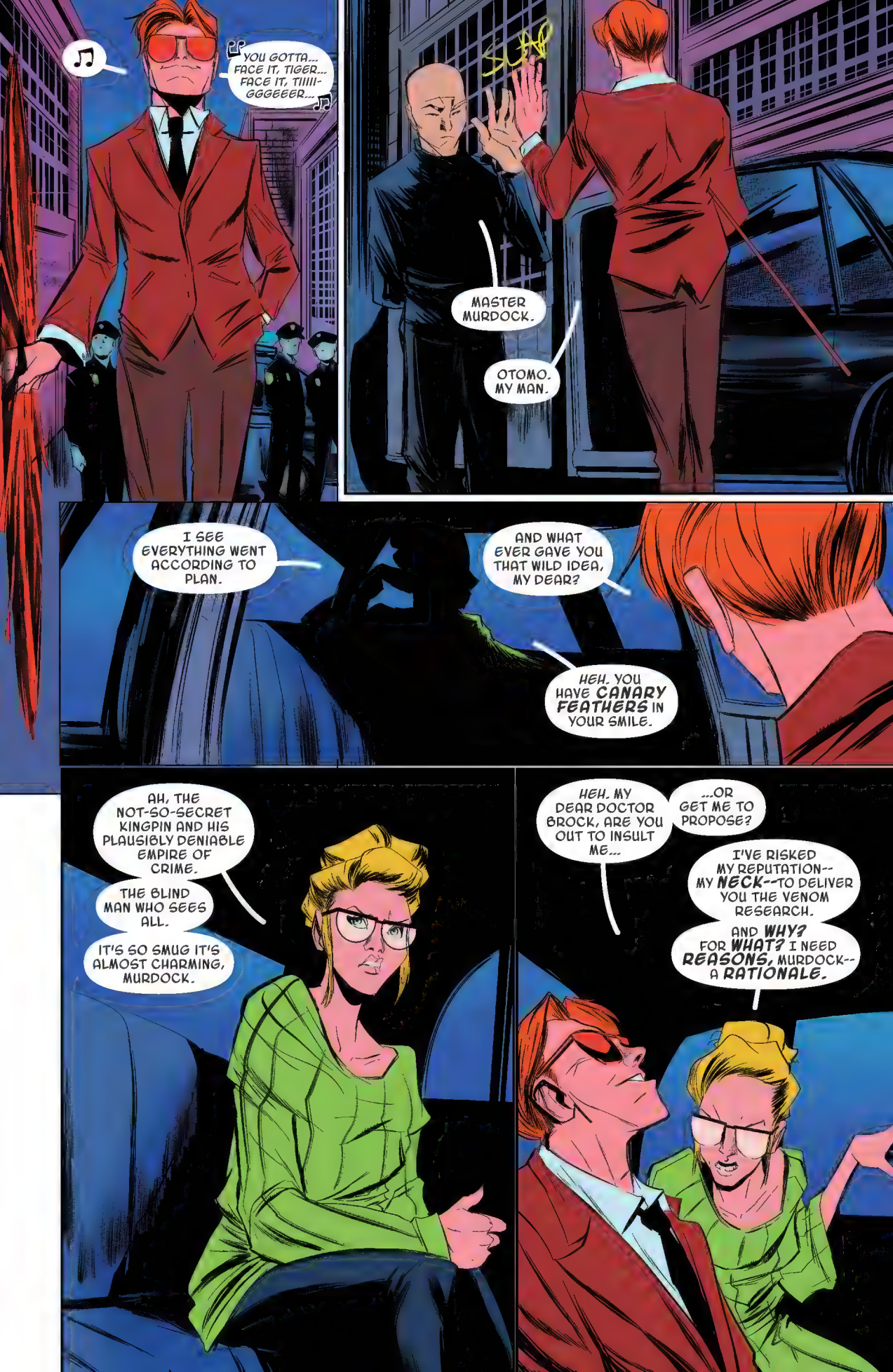
WAIT...SO THAT MANIAC WORKS FOR S.H.I.E.L.D.?
SORT OF. MR. MURDERHANDS IS BLACK OPS.
HIRED HELP THEY CALL IN WHEN THINGS ARE TOO MESSY.
OKAY. LOOK, NO MORE "MR. MURDERHANDS"--
THAT NAME IS WAY TOO SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY.
CALL HIM "WOLVERINE." I KNOW ONE OF THOSE.*
*SEE ALL-NEW WOLVERINE ANNUAL.
THWIP
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "MESSY"? S.H.I.E.L.D. ARE THE GOOD GUYS--
DAMN IT, GWEN!
WHAT ABOUT THIS DO YOU NOT UNDERSTAND?!
S.I.L.K. RE-CREATED PETER'S LIZARD FORMULA FOR ME!
I BETRAYED MY COUNTRY JUST TO AVENGE HIM! TO KILL YOU!
THERE'S NO WAY S.H.I.E.L.D. OR MURDOCK OR ANYONE ELSE'LL LET ME JUST RUN AROUND WITH SOMETHING THIS POWERFUL IN MY BLOOD!
THERE'S NOWHERE TO HIDE.
IF IT'S NOT LOGAN, IT'LL BE SOMEONE ELSE...
SOMEONE WORSE THAN THEIR WORST...

HEH.
WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT, BUB.
SNIKT
SNIKT
NO. NO. NO.
NOT HER, TOO. NOT...
?!?!
THAT'S RIGHT, BUB.
YOU'RE SO SPECIAL THAT S.H.I.E.L.D. SENT THE BEST THERE IS--
--THE UNTOUCHABLE
SHADOWCAT!

TIME TO GO, OSBORN. IT'S YOUR CHOICE AS TO HOW.
WAIT...NO... EVERYONE CALM DOWN...LET'S JUST...
DO IT.
YOU THINK THIS IS MESSY NOW? I'M THE LIZARD.
YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF MONSTER WILL GROW IN MY PLACE?
HARRY, PLEASE JUST... SHUT UP!
LISTEN, LADY. YOUR BOSSES AT S.H.I.E.L.D.... THEY DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT HARRY OR HIS CRIMES, RIGHT?
THEY WANT THE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT IN HIS VEINS?
WELL, THEY CAN HAVE IT! I JUST WANT HIM CURED!
HEH. YOU'RE BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE, GIRLIE.
I JUST DO THE JOB. FULFILL THE CONTRACT.
I DON'T--
RRRRGGGHHH!
TSK, TSK, TSK...

...Y'KNOW I LOVE YA, KITTY.
NEARLY AS MUCH AS I LOVE WATCHIN' THIS LITTLE "DOG WHISTLE" MAKE YA SQUIRM.
BUT THE BOUNTY ON THAT BOY'S HEAD IS MINE TO COLLECT.
RRRR-- DAMN IT, OLD MAN...
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS BREATHIN' DOWN MY NECK?!
MY GOD. THIS IS INSANE!
THEY'RE #@%& INSANE!
YEAH...I TRIED TO TELL YOU...

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
FRANKLIN P. NELSON
"...WE'RE PRETTY DAMN FAR FROM KANSAS, DOROTHY."
YOU'RE NOT HEARING ME, MURDOCK.
BIG SURPRISE, I KNOW--BUT JUST LIKE ALWAYS...
...I'M TRYING TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT, MATT.
YOU REALLY THINK PROSECUTING CAPTAIN GEORGE FREAKIN' STACY IS HIGH ON MY WISH LIST?
BUT THE NEWS HAS ITS TEETH IN OUR NECKS HERE, MAN.
THEY THINK NEW YORK'S TOP COP WANTS TO GET UP UNDER OATH AND CLEAR HIS CONSCIENCE...
...AIR THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT'S DIRTY LAUNDRY.
BUT WE BOTH KNOW CASTLE CONNECTED THE STACYS TO SPIDER-WOMAN.
AND THE PUBLIC?
THEY'LL ROAST ME ON A SPIT IF I DON'T DO MY JOB...
...BUT THERE'S NO WAY I'M LETTING GEORGE STACY TELL THE WORLD WE MADE HIM HUNT HIS OWN DAUGHTER.
SO, CARDS ON THE TABLE, OKAY? THIS IS ME CROSSING THE AISLE...
...HOW THE HELL DO WE GET OUT OF THIS, MATT?
WHY, FOGGY...
...I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK.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♫ YOU GOTTA... FACE IT, TIGER... FACE IT, TIIIII-GGGEEER... ♫
MASTER MURDOCK.
OTOMO. MY MAN.
I SEE EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN.
AND WHAT EVER GAVE YOU THAT WILD IDEA, MY DEAR?
HEH. YOU HAVE CANARY FEATHERS IN YOUR SMILE.
AH, THE NOT-SO-SECRET KINGPIN AND HIS PLAUSIBLY DENIABLE EMPIRE OF CRIME.
THE BLIND MAN WHO SEES ALL.
IT'S SO SMUG IT'S ALMOST CHARMING, MURDOCK.
HEH. MY DEAR DOCTOR BROCK, ARE YOU OUT TO INSULT ME...
...OR GET ME TO PROPOSE?
I'VE RISKED MY REPUTATION-- MY NECK--TO DELIVER YOU THE VENOM RESEARCH.
AND WHY? FOR WHAT? I NEED REASONS, MURDOCK-- A RATIONALE.

YOU'VE BEEN WELL-SERVED BY WHAT YOU DO KNOW, ELSA.
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO--
PLEASE! DON'T INSULT MY INTELLIGENCE BY ASKING FOR MY TRUST.
YOU TOLD SPIDER-WOMAN OUR PLANS FOR THE VENOM.
EVEN IF SHE BELIEVES THAT WE ARE THE ONLY HOPE FOR CURING HARRY OSBORN...
...WHY WOULD SHE EVER BRING HIM TO US, KNOWING WHAT IT MIGHT COST HER?
"COST HER"? HA! DOCTOR, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
=SIGH= THERE'S NO GREAT RIDDLE HERE, ELSA...
GEORGE STACY INFLATES HIS SENSE OF SELF-WORTH WITH HIS CHILDISH SENSE OF DUTY.
AND, AS MUCH AS HE'S WORKED TO PASS THAT ON TO HIS DAUGHTER...
...IT WAS UNDONE THE MOMENT SHE TASTED TRUE POWER.
SO THEN WHY JUST GIVE HER THAT POWER BACK?
SHE NEEDS YOU...
PFFT. POWER-UPS, SHMOWER-UPS.
NOTHING'S MORE MADDENING THAN A DROP OF RAIN IN THE DESERT HEAT, DOCTOR.
GWEN STACY CAN LIE TO HERSELF ALL SHE WANTS.
MAKE ANY EXCUSE SHE NEEDS.
BUT, DEEP DOWN, SHE WANTS TO BE SPIDER-WOMAN...

"...AND SHE'D WALK THROUGH HELL FOR THE CHANCE."
JUST AHEAD.
HARRY, LOOK. WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO... WHAT WE'RE DOING--
--I MADE A DEAL WITH MURDOCK, OKAY?
MY DAD NEEDS HIS HELP. I NEED IT, TOO.
MY POWERS ARE BROKEN. I HAVEN'T BEEN MYSELF FOR A LONG TIME.
WITHOUT THE "POWER-UPS" HE PROVIDES, I'M NO HELP TO YOU OR ANYONE ELSE.
RRRNNH... KEEP MOVING. MY PLACE IS RIGHT UP HERE.
THE RADIATION THAT GAVE ME MY POWERS--IT CAN DRAW THE LIZARD MUTAGEN OUT OF YOU.
AND ONCE IT'S EXPOSED--IT CHANGES.
INTO SOMETHING MURDOCK CLAIMS WILL "FIX" MY POWERS.
WE CAN'T TRUST HIM. I KNOW THAT.
BUT IF THESE MANIACS THEY SENT AFTER YOU ARE HOW S.H.I.E.L.D. DOES BUSINESS...
RRRNNGGH... RRRNGH...WHERE IS IT...WHERE... WHERE...

RRRRNNNNGGGH!
DAMN IT, HARRY!
I'M NOT JUST LEAVING YOU OUT HERE TO FACE THIS ALONE.
BUT I NEED TO KNOW YOU'RE STILL IN THERE.
IF WE RUN, WE RISK EVERYTHING.
I NEED TO KNOW YOU STILL UNDERSTAND THAT.
I DO, GWEN.
I KNOW WHAT'S AT STAKE...
I ALWAYS HAVE.

MASTER SPIDER...
...OUR FORCES WILL NOT KEEP THE BOUNTY HUNTERS AT BAY MUCH LONGER.
OUR TRANSPORT AWAITS, BUT WE MUST HURRY.
RRRRRRRR...
OKAY, HARRY...
ONE LAST TIME...

...ONE LAST ROLL.
TO BE CONTINUED...

GWEN GILS DOWN

WHAT AN ENDING!

Gwen Stacy and Harry Osborn versus a whole ninja clan! I just hope they make it out alive…

Hello, Earth-65ers! Alternate Reality Editor Devin Lewis reporting to you live and in print from Marvel HQ in the heart of New York! As I write this, it is, AT LAST, springtime in New York, and as bright and sunny as things are here in the Big Apple, they've taken an equally dark turn in the world of Gwen Stacy and Spider-Woman!

With Gwen turning her back on Murdock, has she put herself dead in his (metaphoric) sights? Will her powers remain permanently broken?! Will her father go to prison?!

ALL THOSE QUESTIONS, AND MORE, WILL BE ANSWERED IN THE TITANTIC TALE THAT'S YET TO COME! So keep reading, True Believers, and don't miss a single heart-pounding minute of SPIDER-GWEN action and adventure!

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RADIOACTIVE
SPIDER-GWEN

AS A TEENAGER, GWEN STACY WAS BITTEN BY A MUTATED SPIDER. THE BITE TRANSFORMED HER, GRANTING HER AMAZING POWERS, A PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED AND STRENGTH OF A SPIDER. TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK, SHE IS THE DANGEROUS VIGILANTE CALLED SPIDER-WOMAN. BUT YOU KNOW HER AS...

SPIDER-GWEN

PREVIOUSLY...

GWEN... IT'S ME...
...HARRY OSBORN.
YOU HAVE TO TALK TO MY DAD. MAKE THEM STOP... PLEASE...
THERE'S NO WAY I'M LETTING GEORGE STACY TELL THE WORLD WE MADE HIM HUNT HIS OWN DAUGHTER.
HOW THE HELL DO WE GET OUT OF THIS, MATT?
WHY, FOGGY...
...I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK.

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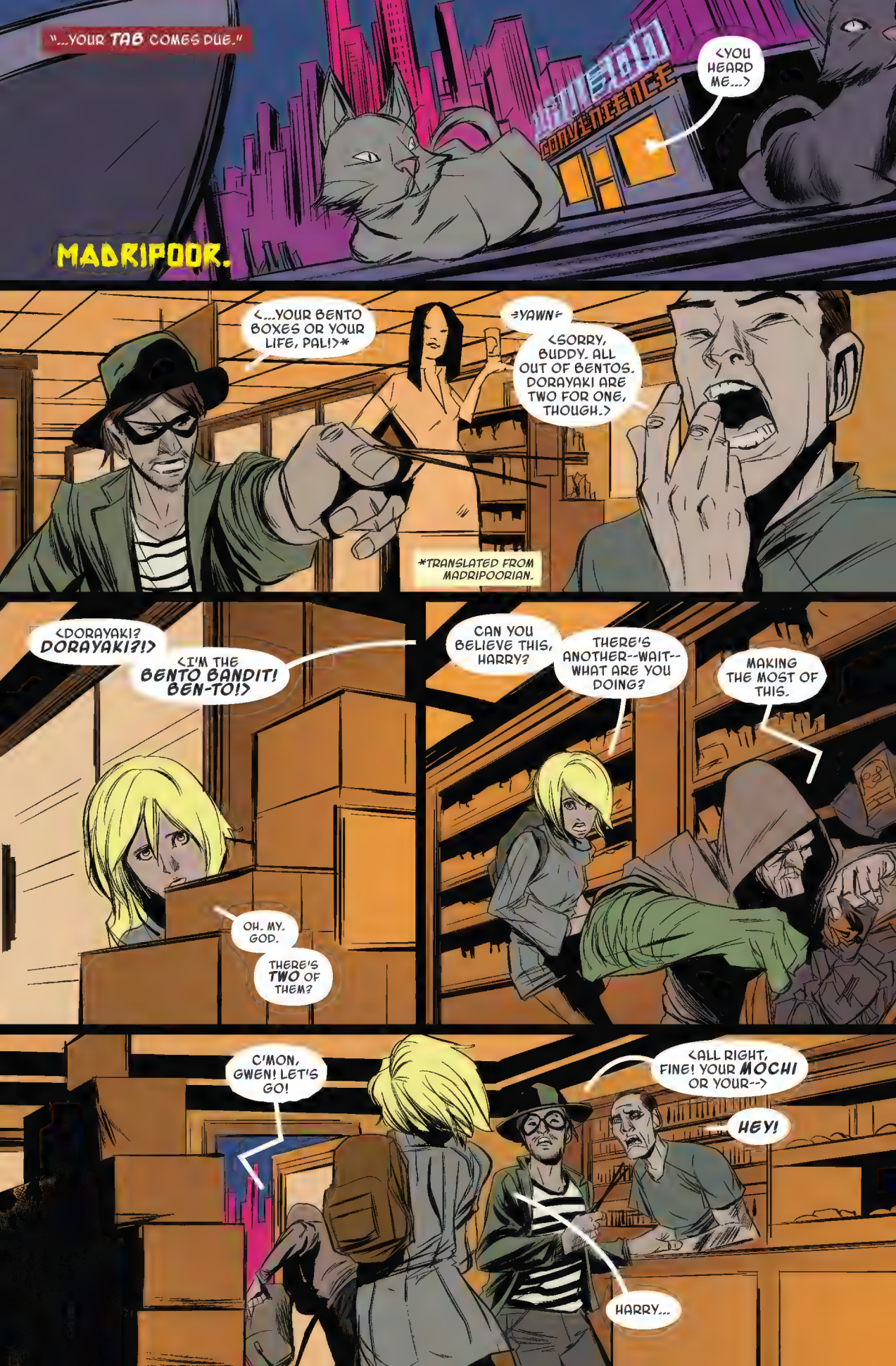
I MUST ADMIT THAT I AM NEARLY AT A LOSS.
IN ALL MY YEARS ON THIS BENCH, I HAVE NEVER SEEN MORE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF A SUSPECT'S GUILT.
IN THE OPINION OF THIS COURT, MR. ALEKSEI SYTSEVICH, YOU ARE A HOODLUM, A HIRED THUG, A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC GOOD.
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOUR DIRECT ACTIONS LED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MUSIC VENUE IN QUESTION...*
...TO THE RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT OF COUNTLESS LIVES.
*SEE SPIDER-GWEN #0!
I HOLD EVEN LESS DOUBT THAT YOU DID SO AS AN ACT OF REVENGE AGAINST CAPTAIN GEORGE STACY...
...FOR HIS ROLE IN THE IMPRISONMENT OF WILSON FISK, THE FORMER KINGPIN OF CRIME!
YOUR INITIAL DEFENSE THAT YOU WERE JUST, QUOTE, "PARTYING LIKE A ROCK STAR"...
...IS THE MOST ABSURD AND APPALLING INSULT TO MY INTELLIGENCE I HAVE EVER SUFFERED.
AND YET...

...IN LIGHT OF THE MISHANDLING OF KEY EVIDENCE BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY NELSON'S OFFICE...
...COUPLED WITH DETECTIVE DEWOLFF'S SWORN ADMISSION...
"...OF CAPTAIN FRANK CASTLE'S VILE AND CRIMINAL ABUSE OF YOUR RIGHTS DURING YOUR ARREST..."
...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CHOKE BACK MY NEED TO VOMIT ALL OVER THESE ROBES...
...AND DEEM THIS CASE A MISTRIAL.
ALEKSEI SYTSEVICH...
...YOU ARE FREE TO GO.
SLAM!

WAIT. A WHAT? FOGGY, DID SHE JUST...
YAAAASSSSS!
MURDOCK! YOU BEAUTIFUL BABY BOY!
THIS #@% BETTER WORK, MATT.
YOU DID IT! YOU REALLY HAVE DID IT!
YOU COME WITH ME, MURDOCK!
WE PARTY! WE CELEBRATE! WE UP ALL NIGHT TO GET LUCKY!
HEH. SURE, ALEKSEI. SURE.
LIVE IT UP, BIG MAN. ENJOY TONIGHT ON ME. ON THE HOUSE.
BECAUSE TOMORROW?
TOMORROW, MY FRIEND...


"...YOUR TAB COMES DUE."
MADRIPOOR.
CONVENIENCE
<YOU HEARD ME...>
<...YOUR BENTO BOXES OR YOUR LIFE, PAL!>*
=YAWN=
<SORRY, BUDDY. ALL OUT OF BENTOS. DORAYAKI ARE TWO FOR ONE, THOUGH.>
*TRANSLATED FROM MADRIPOORIAN.
<DORAYAKI? DORAYAKI?!>
<I'M THE BENTO BANDIT! BEN-TO!>
OH. MY. GOD.
THERE'S TWO OF THEM?
CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS, HARRY?
THERE'S ANOTHER--WAIT--WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MAKING THE MOST OF THIS.
C'MON, GWEN! LET'S GO!
<ALL RIGHT, FINE! YOUR MOCHI OR YOUR-->
HEY!
HARRY...

"...WAIT!"
PREDATORS
PART 3
LATOUR
RODRIGUEZ
RENZI
COWLES
THIS IS NOT WHAT I SIGNED ON FOR.
I THOUGHT I WAS COMING TO HELP MY FRIEND.
HNF! HNF! HNF!
BUT SO MUCH OF HARRY IS GONE ALREADY.
I COULD BARELY KEEP UP WITH HIM WHEN I HAD MURDOCK'S UNLIMITED POWER-UP SUPPLY.
RRRNGH!
RRRNNK!
WITHOUT IT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT SCARES ME MORE--THE REBIRTH OF THE LIZARD...

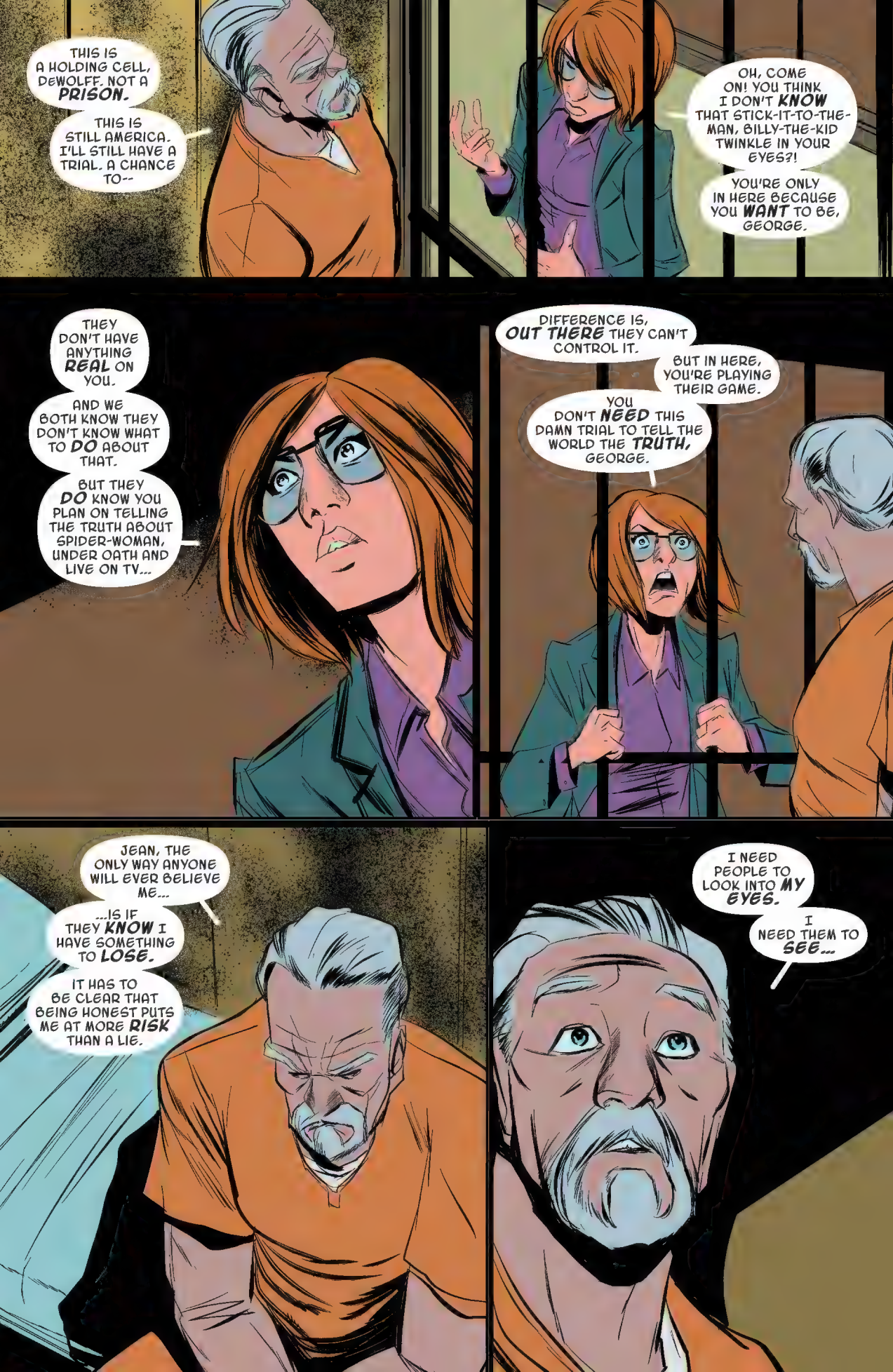
...OR THE DEATH OF SPIDER-WOMAN.
HARRY?! WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
HRMPH. SURVIVAL.
HUNGRY. NO MONEY. STILL, HAVE TO--
KEEP ON ICE
FISH
EK!
RRRGGH!
HARRY!
HARRY, LISTEN TO ME-- YOU CAN'T JUST DO THINGS LIKE--
--LIKE THIS!
RRNNGH!
SAP
WE STICK OUT LIKE TWO SORE THUMBS HERE, OKAY?
WITH THOSE S.H.I.E.L.D. BOUNTY HUNTERS? AND THE NINJAS THAT MURDOCK SENT?
WE CAN'T RISK THEM CATCHING OUR SCENT FROM SOMETHING STUPID LIKE STOLEN ENERGY DRINKS.

THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EASIER WAY OUT OF THIS.
RRNGH. FINE.
MORE FOR ME.
IF WE'RE GOING TO RUN...
...MAYBE WE SHOULD REALLY RUN.
BUST DAD OUT. OPEN THE GATEWAY.
RUN TO JESSICA. OR MILES.
OR EVEN THAT WEIRD GERIATRIC SPIDER-HAM ON EARTH-8...
GOD. THIS IS MY LIFE?
AM I REALLY CONSIDERING SAFE HAVEN FROM A TALKING PIG?
NO. WHATEVER'S LEFT OF IT...
...MY LIFE IS STILL HERE.
I CAN'T...
DAD CO
I WON'T JUST RUN.
Calling...
MATT "MURDERDOCK."

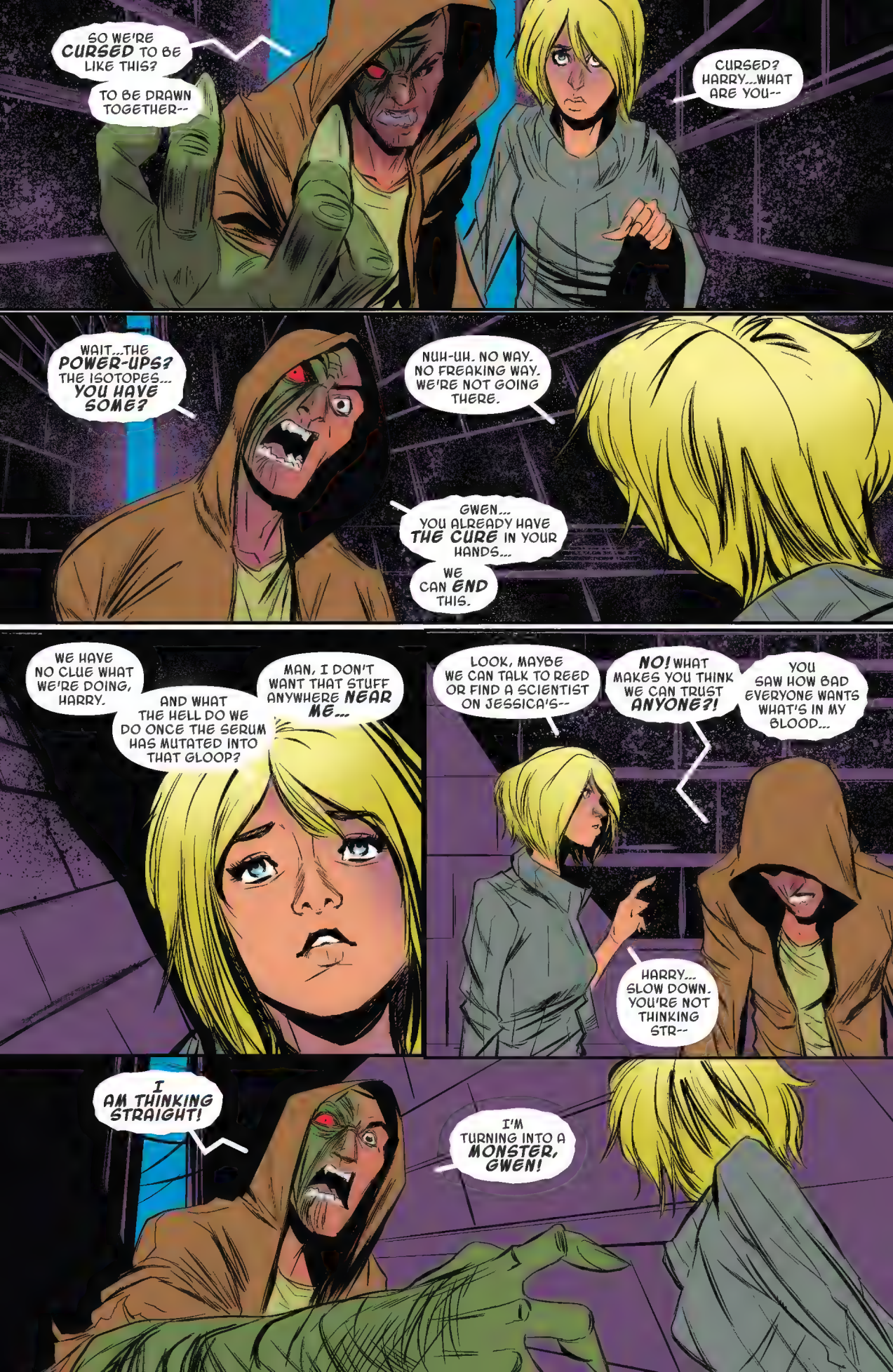
CLUB SCABBY
WELL, WELL--YOU'RE UP VERY EARLY, GWENNIE.
IT MUST BE DAWN IN MADRIPOOR. WHAT'S THE MATTER? CAN'T SLEEP?
LATEST BETRAYAL EATING AT YOUR CONSCIENCE?
WE NEED TO TALK, MURDOCK.
TALK? MY, MY, GWEN. YOU'VE ONLY FACED A SINGLE WAVE OF MY HAND NINJAS.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SCARED OF LITTLE OLD LOGAN.
OH, @#*& YOU, MURDOCK.
YOU KNEW S.H.I.E.L.D. SENT THAT MANIAC AFTER HARRY!
HEH. GIRL, OF COURSE I DID.
BUT MY DEAR, PRECIOUS GWENZELLE. SOME THINGS YOU JUST DON'T BELIEVE UNTIL YOU SEE THEM WITH YOUR OWN EYES...
...LIKE THE PROOF THAT EVEN S.H.I.E.L.D. WANTS HARRY OSBORN'S HEAD.
SO NOW THAT YOU'VE FINALLY SEEN THE TRUE STAKES--
--I HOPE YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE ALL ALONE OUT THERE NOW.
NOW?!
AS IF YOU EVER PLANNED ON HONORING OUR DEAL!
RRRGGNNNGH.
S.H.I.E.L.D. WILL DISSECT YOUR LITTLE FRIEND HARRY. DICE HIM LIKE A TOMATO.
I'VE SHOWN YOU PROOF OF A CURE. OF YOUR ONLY HOPE.
TWO STRIKES, GWENNIE. COME TO YOUR SENSES NOW AND WE'LL CALL THIS A FOUL BALL.

NO.
I DON'T TRUST YOU. I'M NOT BUYING IT.
HARRY'S SAFER WITH ME.
AND THOSE COPS BACK HOME? YEAH, THEY FEAR AND HATE SPIDER-WOMAN...
...BUT ENOUGH OF THEM STILL LOVE AND RESPECT THEIR CAPTAIN.
THEY'LL PROTECT MY DAD. MAKE SURE ONE OF THEIR OWN GETS A FAIR SHAKE.
HEH. AND WHAT DO YOU SAY, OSBORN?
ANY BRAIN CELLS LEFT IN THAT THICK SKULL OF--
RRAAARRRGH!
KRRSSSH
OH, GWENDOLYN MAXINE STACY.
THE POOR LITTLE APPLE...

"...WHO FELL WITH HER TREE."
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ACTUALLY SEE THIS...
...SEE YOU IN HERE, GEORGE.
NEW YORK CITY.
YEAH. IT'S GOTTEN A LITTLE BIT MESSY, HASN'T IT, DEWOLFF?
"MESSY"? HEH.
THIS MAKES MY FRESHMAN DORM LOOK LIKE BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
I SUPPOSE. BUT I'M TRYING TO MAKE PEACE WITH THIS, JEAN.
WITH THE FACT THAT EVEN IF THINGS WORK OUT...
...THEY'LL NEVER BE THE SAME.
HEH. "THE SAME"? YEAH, RIGHT. THE GOOD OLE DAYS.
LOOK...IT'S NO SECRET I'VE WRESTLED WITH WHERE I STAND ON SPIDER-WOMAN, OKAY?
AND YOU DAMN SURE HAVEN'T MADE THAT EASY, GEORGE.
BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED IN THAT COURTROOM TODAY... AND...
...MATT MURDOCK AND FOGGY NELSON ARE UP TO SOMETHING SHADY.
SOME REAL BIPARTISAN DIRTBAGGERY. I CAN JUST FEEL IT...I THINK I SAW IT.
YOU'RE NOT SAFE IN HERE, GEORGE.


THIS IS A HOLDING CELL, DEWOLFF. NOT A PRISON.
THIS IS STILL AMERICA. I'LL STILL HAVE A TRIAL. A CHANCE TO--
OH, COME ON! YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT STICK-IT-TO-THE-MAN, BILLY-THE-KID TWINKLE IN YOUR EYES?!
YOU'RE ONLY IN HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE, GEORGE.
THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING REAL ON YOU.
AND WE BOTH KNOW THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT.
BUT THEY DO KNOW YOU PLAN ON TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT SPIDER-WOMAN, UNDER OATH AND LIVE ON TV...
DIFFERENCE IS, OUT THERE THEY CAN'T CONTROL IT.
BUT IN HERE, YOU'RE PLAYING THEIR GAME.
YOU DON'T NEED THIS DAMN TRIAL TO TELL THE WORLD THE TRUTH, GEORGE.
JEAN, THE ONLY WAY ANYONE WILL EVER BELIEVE ME...
...IS IF THEY KNOW I HAVE SOMETHING TO LOSE.
IT HAS TO BE CLEAR THAT BEING HONEST PUTS ME AT MORE RISK THAN A LIE.
I NEED PEOPLE TO LOOK INTO MY EYES.
I NEED THEM TO SEE...

"...THAT I TRULY HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE."
I DON'T LIKE IT.
FEELS LIKE A BIG FAT DONUT-EATING TRAP.
OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP, GWEN. WHICH IS WHY WE SHOULD SPLIT UP.
NAH. NO WAY, BUSTER.
S.H.I.E.L.D.'S NOT AFTER ME AND MURDOCK KNOWS I GOTTA GO HOME EVENTUALLY. HIS NINJAS WILL CHASE YOU, TOO.
SO YOU'LL NEED A BETTER BAD PLAN IF YOU WANNA DITCH ME...
GWEN.
THIS "CURE" MURDOCK HAS...
...HOW DOES IT WORK? WHY DO THEY NEED YOU?
CINDY MOON UNLOCKED THE GENETIC CODE OF AN ALIEN "SPIDER" AND USED IT TO CREATE MY POWERS.
PETER AND DR. CONNORS USED HER RESEARCH TO CREATE THE LIZARD MUTAGEN.
SO OUR MUTATIONS...ARE LINKED?
YEAH... I GUESS THE RADIATION IN MY POWER-UPS HAS A STRANGE EFFECT ON THE LIZARD DNA.
DRAWS IT OUT OF ITS HOST. MUTATES IT INTO SOME NEEDY BLACK GOOP.
AND SINCE I'M IMMUNE TO THE RADIATION-- I'M THE ONLY ONE IT CAN BOND WITH WITHOUT KILLING.


SO WE'RE CURSED TO BE LIKE THIS?
TO BE DRAWN TOGETHER--
CURSED? HARRY...WHAT ARE YOU--
WAIT...THE POWER-UPS? THE ISOTOPES... YOU HAVE SOME?
NUH-UH. NO WAY. NO FREAKING WAY. WE'RE NOT GOING THERE.
GWEN... YOU ALREADY HAVE THE CURE IN YOUR HANDS...
WE CAN END THIS.
WE HAVE NO CLUE WHAT WE'RE DOING, HARRY.
AND WHAT THE HELL DO WE DO ONCE THE SERUM HAS MUTATED INTO THAT GLOOP?
MAN, I DON'T WANT THAT STUFF ANYWHERE NEAR ME...
LOOK, MAYBE WE CAN TALK TO REED OR FIND A SCIENTIST ON JESSICA'S--
NO! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE CAN TRUST ANYONE?!
YOU SAW HOW BAD EVERYONE WANTS WHAT'S IN MY BLOOD...
HARRY... SLOW DOWN. YOU'RE NOT THINKING STR--
I AM THINKING STRAIGHT!
I'M TURNING INTO A MONSTER, GWEN!

HARRY, I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN... I SWEAR TO YOU...
...BUT EVEN IF WE COULD DO THIS NOW, IT WILL TURN THE SERUM IN YOUR BODY INTO THE VENOM...
...AND THEN I--
OH, GOD...
THIS IS WHY MURDOCK SENT ME HERE.
WHAP
WHANK
RRRARRGGGH!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTED...
RRRARRARRRRR!
NGF!

THERE'S NO WAY TO SAVE US BOTH.
THAT'S WHAT THIS WHOLE TWISTED GAME IS ABOUT...
IT'S THE LIZARD OR SPIDER-WOMAN...
STAND DOWN.
THE BOY IS OURS.
IT IS FOR THE BEST.
...AND I HAVE TO CHOOSE.

LOGAN!
HE WAS RIGHT, DARLIN'...
...IT'S ALL OVER. BEST FOR EVERYONE IF YOU JUST STAY OUT OF IT.
I TOLD YOU TO BACK OFF, MAN.
YOU WANT HARRY? YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH--
THROUGH WHO? YOU?
HGGK!

YOU WERE DUMB ENOUGH TO WALK INTO THIS.
SO MAYBE I NEED TO SPELL OUT WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU RESIST?
I POP MY CLAWS AND YOU FINALLY LEARN WHY WEARING WHITE TO SUPER-HERO IS A VERY BAD IDEA.
NICELY DONE, KIT KAT.
WHAT'D I TELL YA? TWO HEADS'RE BETTER THAN ONE...
WHATEVER, OLD MAN.
LOSE OSBORN AND YOU'LL LOSE YOURS.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING...
MURDOCK... HE'S PLAYING ALL OF US!
AWW, DON'T YOU WORRY NONE, PRECIOUS. THE PROFESSIONALS ARE HERE.
BE GRATEFUL. WE GOT THIS...

...IT'S FINALLY OUT OF YOUR HANDS."
MANHATTAN.
NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT
CH-CHNGK
NNH?
WHAT? WHAT IN--?
ALEKSEI?
WHAT IN THE HELL IS HE DOING IN HERE?

SON... LISTEN TO ME...THIS MAN TRIED TO KILL ME ONCE ALREADY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE KINGPIN HAS ON YOU, BUT--
KINGPIN? DON'T KNOW ANY KINGPIN. THIS MAN KICKED OVER A PARKING METER.
JUST DOING MY JOB. FOLLOWING ORDERS.
LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED YOURS, CAPTAIN.
ALL RIGHT. MAKE IT LOOK GOOD. BUT NOT TOO--
WHAMP!
HNNNGH!
CAPTAIN... CAPTAIN... CAPTAIN...
PARTY HAS BEEN FUN, NO? BUT NOW...

...MURDOCK SAYS TAB IS DUE.
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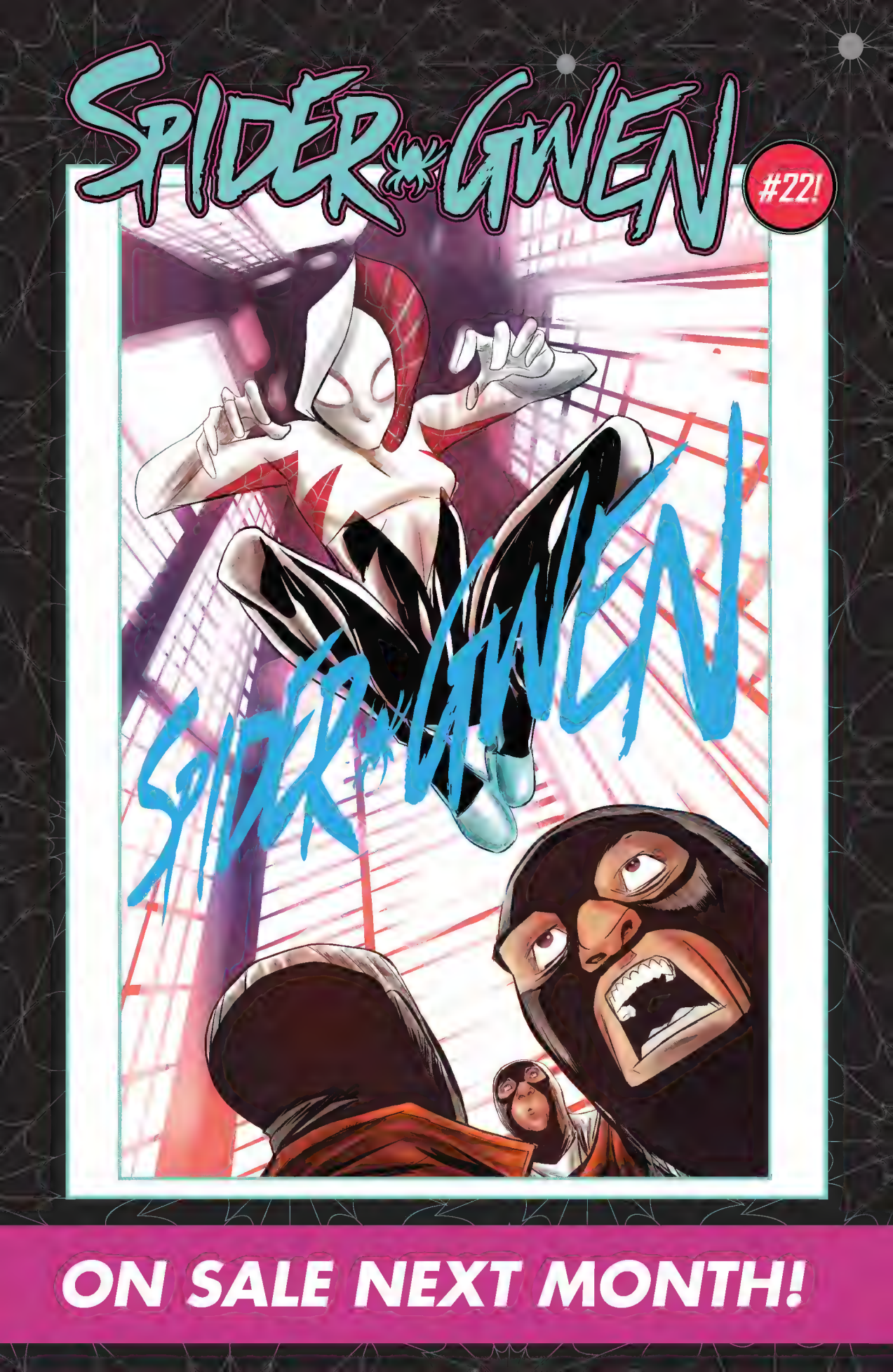
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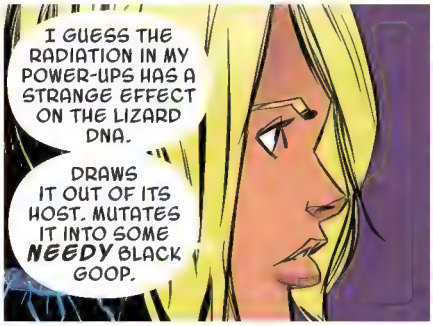
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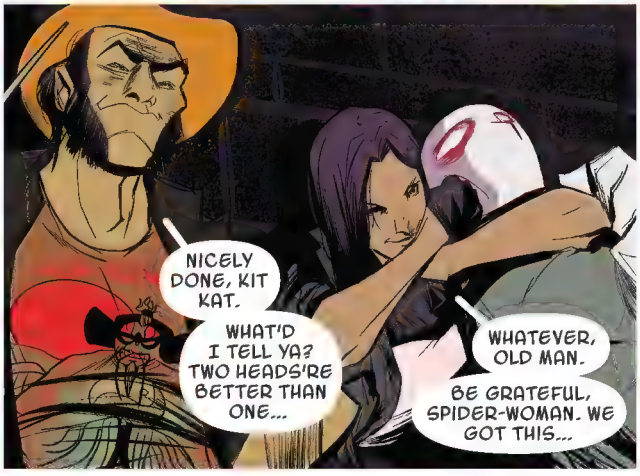
DRAWS IT OUT OF ITS HOST. MUTATES IT INTO SOME NEEDY BLACK GOOP.



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NYPD CENTRAL PRECINCT.
WHICH FLOOR, OFFICER...?
BOYLE, MA'AM. OFFICER BOYLE.
FUNNY ENOUGH, I'M HEADIN' TO THE NINTH FLOOR, TOO, DETECTIVE DEWOLFF.
RECKON WE'RE VISITIN' A MUTUAL FRIEND.
DAD SWORD
DROPPIN' OFF A LITTLE READING MATERIAL FOR CAPTAIN STACY, MYSELF.
WE KINDA STARTED A LITTLE BOOK CLUB.
HEH. DAD SWORD. NICE ONE.
NOTHING GEORGE LOVES MORE THAN A GOOD FANTASY.
HA. NEVER HEARD ANYONE CALL HIM "GEORGE." MAKES HIM SOUND...
LIKE HE'S NOT TEN FEET TALL AND BULLET-PROOF?
YEAH, WELL...
...TAKE IT FROM SOMEONE WHO SPENT YEARS SQUEEZED INTO A PATROL CRUISER INHALING HIS "WISDOM."
DAD SWORD
THE BEST THING ABOUT CAPTAIN GEORGE STACY...
...IS HE'S JUST AS HUMAN AS THE REST OF US.

DING
9
DING DING
THAT'S WEIRD. NOBODY'S HOME.
WHERE'S THE SHIFT MANAGER? THERE'S SUPPOSED TO ALWAYS BE A--
I DON'T KNOW, BOYLE.
AND THAT WORRIES ME.
CAPTAIN STACY?
GEORGE, ARE YOU--
HEH. HEH. HEH.
"GEORGE"? "GEORGE"...

...IS A FUNNY NAME...
"GEORGE."
RHINO?!
BOYLE... RUN.
"RHINO"? WHAT "RHINO"? ME?!
HA! "RHINO"!
POP
POP
POP
I LIKE THIS NICKNAME!
THUMP
HNGH!
POOF
MASTER SYTSEVICH...

...THE JOB IS DONE. WE MUST GO.
REMEMBER OUR TRUE GOAL.
DONE? BAH! THIS WORK IS DULL!
FUN WAS JUST STARTING!
BAH. FINE. YES, YES.
BUT NO MORE "SYTSEVICH." NO MORE "ALEKSEI."
FROM NOW ON...
...CALL ME "RHINO."
GEORGE?!
OH, GOD, GEORGE.
GEORGE, SAY SOMETHING!
OH, MY GOD... GEORGE...

MADRIPOOR.
RAARRRGGGGGHHHH!
PREDATORS
PART 4
LATOUR RODRIGUEZ COELHO RENZI AFFE COWLES

HNNF... HNFF...
TSK. TSK. WHAT'S THE MATTER, LOGAN?
IT'S JUST A FEW DOZEN NINJAS AND A BABY T. REX, RIGHT?
YOU STILL "GOT THIS" OR NOT?
HRNF. WATCH ME.
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME, SHADOWCAT.
I CAN END THIS.
I CAN--
HEH. SURE YOU CAN.
SNIK!
"BUT ME AND LOGAN MADE A DEAL. I OWE HIM A SWING AT IT.
"I MEAN SURE, HE MAY LOOK LIKE A BAG OF FLAMING DOG POOP
RRARRRGH!
"...BUT HE'S STILL JUST AS TOUGH TO STOMP OUT."
"IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW TOUGH HE IS, YOU IDIOT!
SWAY!
"THE LIZARD MUTAGEN IN HARRY'S BLOOD--IT'S REGENERATIVE...
"FOR EVERY PIECE OF HARRY HE CUTS AWAY...
"...MORE LIZARD GROWS IN ITS PLACE!"

HARRY SAW S.H.I.E.L.D.'S SECRET FILES, SHADOWCAT.
HE TOLD ME THE TRUTH ABOUT LOGAN. ABOUT HIS CURSE.
WHOEVER HE WAS...WHATEVER WAS TAKEN FROM HIM...
"...THIS IS THE OPPOSITE OF HOW TO GET IT BACK."
YOU'LL LONG TREAD THIS EARTH, LOGAN.
A DAY FOR EVERY LIFE YOU'VE TAKEN...
"...AND A DAY FOR EVERY LIFE YOU'LL TAKE."
"HEH. I KNOW THE STORY BETTER THAN YOU EVER WILL, SPIDER-GIRL!"
I TOOK THIS GIG TO STOP THINGS FROM GETTIN' WORSE.
TO PROTECT LOGAN FROM HIMSELF.
BUT...UH... YOU'VE KILLED LIKE A BAJILLION PEOPLE...
PEOPLE?! NINJAS AREN'T PEOPLE!

"HIS WHOLE LIFE, LOGAN'S CARRIED HIS PAIN LIKE A RUSTY OLD SWORD.
"FOUGHT EVERY INCH OF THE WAY AGAINST WHO HE REALLY IS...
"...AGAINST WHAT HE DOES BEST.
"MOST DAYS, THE BEST HE CAN DO IS TRY NOT TO HURT ANYONE WHO DOESN'T DESERVE IT.
"BUT TODAY?
"TODAY, HE'S FINALLY GOT THE CHANCE TO CUT LOOSE.
"TO FEEL ALIVE AGAIN.
SPRING BREAK
"AND ALL IT COSTS IS A LITTLE PAIN THAT YOUR LITTLE FRIEND HAS HAD COMIN' FOR A LOOONG TIME NOW."

SO GO PLUCK SOMEONE ELSE'S HEARTSTRINGS, GIRL. BECAUSE LOGAN DESERVES THAT.
NO ONE'S INNOCENT HERE. WE JUST ARE WHAT WE ARE.
WHAT WE CHOSE TO BE.
YEAH. MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! MAYBE WE DO DESERVE THIS.
BUT THIS MONSTER YOU'RE TURNING HARRY INTO...
"...THAT'S NOT HIS DECISION--
YOU SEE, KITTY? LOGAN WAS A HERO ONCE.
BUT NOW HE IS BROKEN.
WITHOUT YOU TO HELP US, WE FEAR HIS BODY WILL REJECT OUR GIFT...
...BUT IF YOU COULD LEND WEAPON X YOUR POWER...
"--THAT'S YOUR CHOICE."
...WE MIGHT YET MAKE HIM GREATER STILL.
RRGGH! DAMN YOU!
UNF!

HOW DID YOU...HOW DO YOU KNOW?
STRYKER... WEAPON X...
THEY MADE ME...
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU--
I WAS A LITTLE GIRL! I THOUGHT I WAS HELPING HIM!
I HAD NO CHOICE!
AND NOW...
...NOW YOU DO.
...RIGHT?
YOU'RE WRONG, GIRL. SOME THINGS, WE GOT NO CHOICE ABOUT AT ALL.
I'LL SEPARATE THEM. BUY YOU AS MUCH TIME AS I CAN...
...BUT WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT TO DO TO STOP THIS...

"...BEST GET TO DOING IT."
WHAT DO I THINK?
UH...I DUNNO, GWEN. I'M A SCIENTIST, NOT A LIFE COACH.
MAYBE CALL YOUR IMAGINARY SPIDER-PIG SPIRIT ANIMAL?
I HALLUCINATED TALKING TO SPIDER-HAM ONCE, REED. ONCE.
AFTER I GOT DROPPED ON MY HEAD.
WAIT. DROPPED ON YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU WERE A BABY, OR--?
THERE IS ACTUALLY A SPIDER-HAM, REED. THAT TIME IT WAS JUST A--AUGH-- PLEASE!
WILL THE PLAN WORK OR NOT?
HMM...WELL, IT MAKES "SENSE" THAT YOUR POWER-UP RADIATION COULD DRAW THE MUTAGEN OUT OF HARRY.
BUT WILL IT CREATE A TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA-FIGHTING OOZE MONSTER LIKE DR. BROCK TOLD YOU?
UH, SURE. WHY NOT?
"SURE. WHY NOT?"
I COULD END UP BONDED TO A MUTATED ALIEN "SYMBIOTE," REED!
UH, YEAH. YOU COULD.
BUT HOW'S THAT WEIRDER THAN BEING MUTATED BY A SPIDER BITE?
I MEAN, "SYMBIOTE" ACTUALLY IMPLIES A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL--
I KNOW WHAT IT IMPLIES, REED!
BUT HOW CAN I TRUST MATT FREAKIN' MURDOCK?!

GOD. I CALLED A 13-YEAR-OLD KID FOR ADVICE...
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?
HONESTLY? A LOT.
BUT I'M YOUR FRIEND, SO I CAN SAY MEAN STUFF LIKE THAT. RIGHT?
REALLY, THOUGH, LOOK-- I KNOW YOU WANT TO HELP HARRY.
BUT WHY DO YOU THINK IT'LL GO ANY DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME?
HOW DO YOU THINK HIS LIFE IS EVER GOING TO BE "NORMAL" AGAIN?
I MEAN...
...HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT FOR YOU, GWEN?
REED... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
I DUNNO. JUST, YOU COULD HAVE CALLED CAPTAIN AMERICA FOR HELP.
OR MAYBE HIRED A LAWYER THAT'S NOT THE KINGPIN OF CRIME.
BUT YOU CHOSE MATT MURDOCK, GWEN.
SEEMS PRETTY OBVIOUS WHY...

"...SINCE THERE'S ONLY ONE THING YOU BOTH WANT."
RRRARRGGGH!
RRGH. IDIOT COPS.
RRNNGGH!
ALL RIGHT, OSBORN--
LET'S SEE IF YOUR HEAD GROWS BACK AS EASILY AS YER TAIL...
LOGAN!
STOP!
HNGFH!

KITTY?! WHAT'RE YOU--?!
IT'S NOT WORTH IT, LOGAN. LOOK AROUND YOU!
IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT TO BE?
WHAT IS WORTH THIS?!
KRAK!
WHERE YOU BEEN? TUCKING YOUR SKIRT IN?
BITE ALL OF ME.
ACTUALLY, SCRATCH THAT. YOU MIGHT REALLY DO IT.
WHAT YOU JUST DID-- PHASING LOGAN'S CLAWS THROUGH HARRY...
...CAN YOU PHASE THE LIZARD INTO SOMETHING?
HEH.

HOW MUCH OF HIM?
RRRRRARRGGGH!
VOOOOSH
GOT HIM!
HNGH! I THINK!

THREES.
PETER. HARRY. GWEN.
THE LIZARD. THE GOBLIN...
...THE SPIDER-WOMAN.

DOES DEATH REALLY COME IN THREES?
HRRNNGH. OKAY! READY OR NOT... SOLIDIFYING IN THREE... TWO...
...NOW!
I'M SO SORRY, HARRY.
I WAS JUST SCARED.
RRRRRARRGGGH!
RRRRRARRGGGH!
I'M STILL SCARED.
BUT WHATEVER THIS DOES...WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT...
RRRGGGHHHHHH!
RRRRRRRGGGHHHHHHHHHHH
...IT'S NOT YOUR BURDEN TO CARRY ANYMORE...
HSSSSSSSSSH

HsSSSHhHhHh
...THIS IS ALL ON ME NOW.

BACK! EVERYONE, STAY BACK!
MANHATTAN.
PULSE IS DROPPING.
STILL DROPPING.
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GET HIM ON THE DEFIB. NOW!
ARE WE DOING CPR?
YES. AFTER WE SHOCK HIM.
OH MY GOD...
GEORGE?
YOU...
YOU AND MURDOCK...
WHY, FOGGY?!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHY?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'VE EVEN DONE?!
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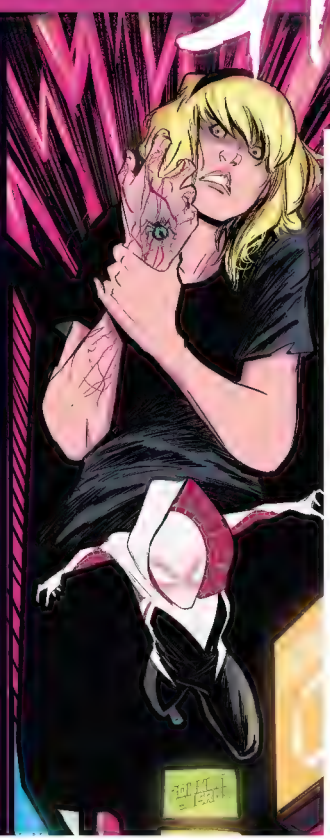

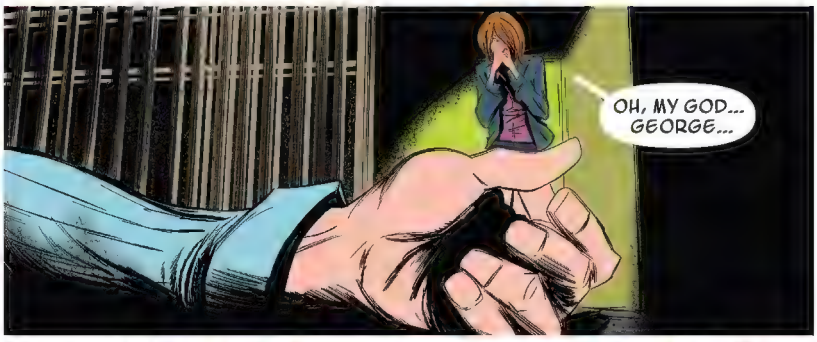

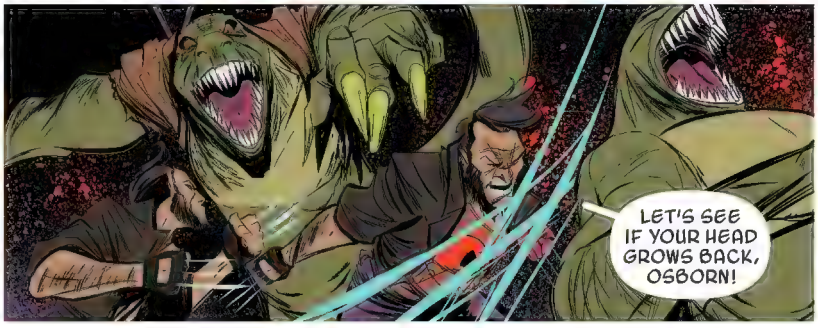

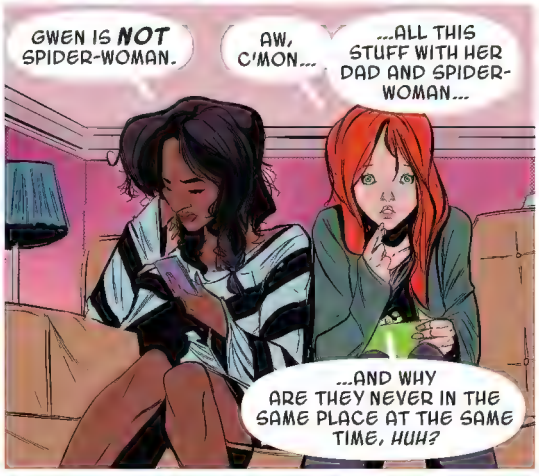
GWEN IS NOT SPIDER-WOMAN.
AW, C'MON...
...ALL THIS STUFF WITH HER DAD AND SPIDER-WOMAN...
...AND WHY ARE THEY NEVER IN THE SAME PLACE AT THE SAME TIME, HUH?

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I'M YOUR HOST, MOJO HARVEY. AND WELCOME BACK TO EARTH-8'S GREATEST GAME SHOW!
FAMILY FOES
FAAAAA-MI-LLLY FOOOOES!
FAMILY FOES
Y'ALL, GIVE IT UP FOR OUR RETURNING CHAMPS--
--THE BANDITOS!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
AND ONE MORE TIME FOR OUR CHALLENGERS--
--THE AMAAAAZING EIGHT!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
ALL RIGHT, FINAL QUESTION-- FIRST ANSWER TO MATCH OUR SURVEY RESULTS WINS.
WE POLLED 100 FOLKS AND ASKED THEM--
"WHO WAS SPIDER-WOMAN'S GREATEST ARCH-NEMESIS?"
THE BODEGA BANDIT!
DING DING DING

NNNNNTTT!
SORRY, BUT--COMPUTER SAYS NO.
NO, IN FACT, THE BODEGA BANDIT WAS SPIDER-WOMAN'S WORST. ARCHNEMESIS. EVER.
OKAY, SPIDER-GIRL. TO STEAL THE ROUND--
--WHO WAS YOUR MOM'S GREATEST ARCH-NEMESIS?
UH... HMM...
THIS IS A TRICK QUESTION, RIGHT?
"GWENOM." =SIGH=
YEAH, I'M GONNA GO WITH "VENOM," MOJO.
UTAU!
UTAU, WATCHER OF EARTH-65!
EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
DING-A-DING-DING!
AW, CRAP!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR SACRED DUTY, UTAU?!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU ARE A WATCHER?!
Click
Click
Click
NO. NO. I JUST--
C'MON, YOU STUPID REMOTE--
SINCE THE MULTIVERSE BEGAN--
OUR SACRED DUTY--
=SIGH= "OUR KIND HAS BEEN THE INVISIBLE WITNESS TO ITS MOST PIVOTAL MOMENTS."
"TO EVER OBSERVE, NEVER TO INTERFERE." YADDA YADDA.
YOU DARE MOCK US?!
SHUN YOUR DUTY TO EARTH-65?!
NO, NO-- I PAUSED IT!
SEE?! SEE?!
LOOK, I CAN EXPLAIN-- EARTH-8, IT'S JUST--
--THINGS TURNED OUT SO WELL IN THAT TIMELINE!
BUT MY POST ON EARTH-65, THE STORY HAS GOTTEN SO--SO--
ESSENTIAL TO THE VERY FABRIC OF ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE?!
DARK. I WAS GONNA SAY DARK.
IT USED TO BE FUN. BUT LATELY, IT'S SO-- ANGSTY! CLENCHED FISTS AND GRITTED TEETH AND...
...ANOTHER WOLVERINE? REALLY?

SUCH JUDGMENTS ARE BENEATH YOU, UTAU!
EARTH-65 MUST BE OBSERVED!
STEADFASTLY! UNWAVERINGLY!
HEED MY WORDS! OUR FINAL WARNING!
FOR IF YOU CANNOT PERFORM THIS TASK?
THEN YOU SHALL WATCH NO LONGER!
RRRGH. STUPID SACRED DUTY.
AN UNTAPPED UNIVERSE OF LIMITLESS POTENTIAL AND WHAT DO I GET?
UGH. I'D TRADE IT FOR TALKING ANIMALS! TRADE IT IN A HEARTBEAT!
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING ON EARTH-65 WORTH WATCHING. SOMETHING TO GIVE IT ALL HUMAN STAKES! CONTEXT!
SOMETHING MORE.
SOMETHING...
...REAL?

...WE GO NOW TO SCOTT CHRISTIAN, WHO'S JUST RECEIVED NEW INFORMATION ABOUT SPIDER-WOMAN IN MADRIPOOR.
HEY, YOU REMEMBER THE SHOW'S HAPPENING TOMORROW NIGHT, RIGHT?
SOME OF US ARE CAPABLE OF REMEMBERING THINGS, MJ.
THANK YOU, KENT. NOW, AS YOU CAN SEE...
WELL, YOU KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE FLAKES, SO I JUST HAD TO...
...MAKE...
...SURE...
GWEN.
SHE KNEW THIS SHOW WAS HAPPENING, SHE KNEW. AND NOW WE HAVE NO DRUMMER, I HATE WHEN SHE DOES THIS.
AND I HATE WHEN YOU THINK OUR FRIENDS ARE SUPER HEROES.
WAIT! GLORY! YOU CAN PLAY DRUMS!
OH MY GOD, THAT'S IT, I QUIT.
WHAT, BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO PLAY DRUMS? AND YOU CAN'T QUIT, YOU JUST REJOINED.

ALSO, YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING YOU QUIT. YOU NEVER DO.
WELL, I MEAN IT THIS TIME. AND EVEN IF I DON'T QUIT, I'M DEFINITELY NOT PERFORMANCE-READY.
I THINK YOU'VE BEEN SOUNDING REALLY GOOD.

BETTY, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
DAYS.

BESIDES, I AGREE WITH MJ, I THINK WE SHOULD DO IT.

YOU DO?
YOU WHAT?

A SHOW'S A SHOW. AND I COULD USE A LITTLE EXTRA CASH.

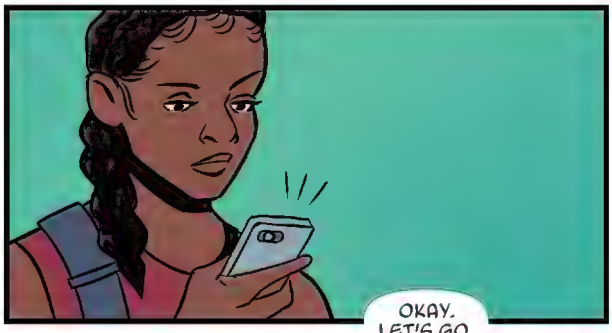
FINE.
EEEEE!
BUT YOU CAN'T BE HAPPY ABOUT IT!
THE NIGHT OF THE SHOW...
DO YOU THINK GWEN HAD SUPER-POWERS THE ENTIRE TIME WE KNEW HER?
I DON'T THINK SHE EVER HAD SUPER-POWERS, MJ.
DO YOU THINK SHE'S A MUTANT?
THEN SHE WOULD'VE GONE TO MUTANT SCHOOL.
WHAT'S MUTANT SCHOOL?
THAT PLACE UPSTATE SOMEWHERE.
WHAT IF IT WAS, LIKE...A SPIDER BITE? LIKE... A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER?
A WHAT?
LIKE, IT'S AN ANIMAL, BUT IT'S RADIOACTIVE, SO IT BITES YOU AND YOU GET ITS POWERS!
THAT'S NOT HOW RADIOACTIVITY OR ANIMAL BITES WORK. LIKE, AT ALL.

GLORY, COME ON, STOP BEING SUCH A DOWNER.
SO IT'S NOT ENOUGH THAT I'M HERE, YOU ALSO WANT ME TO BE SUPER THRILLED ABOUT IT.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME SOUND SO NEEDY--
MY SHOOOEE!
SERIOUSLY?
OKAY, LOOK, WE'LL JUST...GO BUY SOME GUM AND STICK IT BACK TOGETHER, OKAY?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, WATERMELON OR SOUR APPLE?

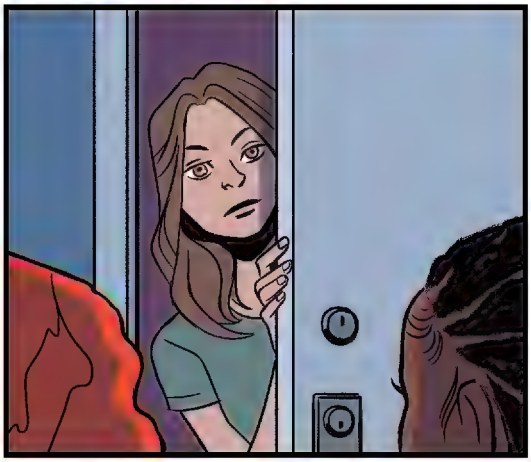
GET DOWN!
WHAT--WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MY EX IS BACK THERE.
HONESTLY I'M SURPRISED THAT DOESN'T COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH MORE OFTEN.
SHH!
MJ?
OH MY GOD, HIIIIII! I TOTALLY DIDN'T SEE YOU! HOW ARE YOU?!
UH, GREAT. HEY, LOOK, IT'S ACTUALLY KIND OF COOL THAT I RAN INTO YOU.
YEAH?
I'M MOVING TO L.A. ON MONDAY--DO YOU STILL HAVE THOSE RECORDS I LENT YOU?

RECORDS. RIGHT.
YEAH, I GOT THEM. ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW WHAT, WE'RE ABOUT TO PLAY A SHOW, LIKE, SUPER SOON, SO I CAN HAVE THEM THERE.
AND YOU JUST EXPECT ME TO SHOW UP?
WHAT, LIKE YOU GOT PLANS?
WE JUST NEEDED GUM.
I HAVE MY NEEDS, TOO, YOU KNOW.
SO, WHAT, YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO RUN BACK TO THE APARTMENT JUST TO GET SOME RECORDS FOR THIS LOSER YOU DATED A MILLION YEARS AGO?
THANKS
HERE'S THE THING-- THEY'RE NOT AT THE APARTMENT.
OH MY GOD, WHERE ARE THEY?

I LENT THEM TO LIZ ALLAN. BUT I CAN'T GET THEM BACK BECAUSE SHE SORT OF HATES ME NOW.
GOD, OKAY, LOOK, I'LL TEXT HER.



OKAY. LET'S GO.
THAT WAS FAST.
NOT EVERYTHING IS AN ORDEAL, MJ.

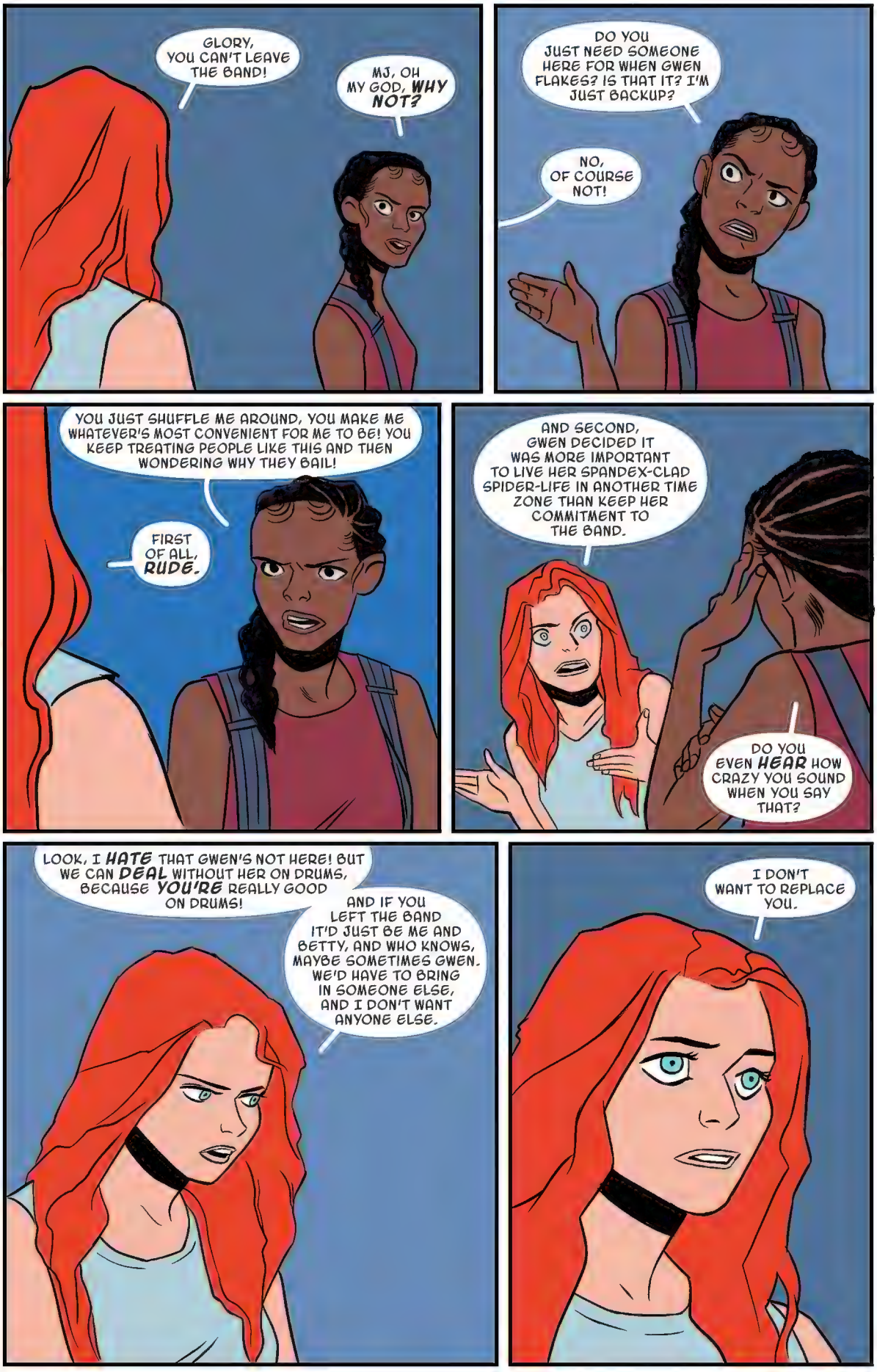


UM. YOU TWO CAN COME IN. SHE HAS TO WAIT OUTSIDE.

BETTY, DO YOU MIND?

OKAY. WHAT DID YOU DO?
NOTHING!
IT WAS HER BOYFRIEND WHO WAS THE PROBLEM.
I KNEW IT.
HE KEPT ASKING ME TO GET DRINKS WITH HIM AND I WAS LIKE, "HEY, DID YOU KNOW YOUR BOYFRIEND IS SUPER INTO ME?" AND THEN SHE STOPPED TALKING TO ME FOR NO REASON!
GOD, I SWEAR, EVERYTHING JUST CONSTANTLY REVOLVES AROUND YOU.
IT'S LIKE THE MJ SHOW ALL THE TIME.
IT'S NOT THE MJ SHOW.
YOU LITERALLY NAMED YOUR BAND AFTER YOURSELF, IT IS ABSOLUTELY THE MJ SHOW.
IT'S OUR BAND, GLORY!
SINCE WHEN?

HEY. NICE STACK OF VINYL YOU GOT THERE.
HEY, WHAT'S YOUR DEAL? ARE YOU JUST TAKING RECORDS AND BAILING?
YEAH, IT'S THIS NEW TREND CALLED "I CAME HERE TO DO A THING, AND THEN I DID IT, SO NOW I'M LEAVING."
OH, I GET IT, YOU'RE, LIKE, ONE OF THOSE GIRLS. YOU'RE, LIKE, ABOVE IT. LIKE, YOU PLAY HARD TO GET.
YES, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
GO AWAY.
PFF, OKAY, WHATEVER. SORRY FOR BEING FRIENDLY.


GLORY, YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE BAND!
MJ, OH MY GOD, WHY NOT?
DO YOU JUST NEED SOMEONE HERE FOR WHEN GWEN FLAKES? IS THAT IT? I'M JUST BACKUP?
NO, OF COURSE NOT!
YOU JUST SHUFFLE ME AROUND, YOU MAKE ME WHATEVER'S MOST CONVENIENT FOR ME TO BE! YOU KEEP TREATING PEOPLE LIKE THIS AND THEN WONDERING WHY THEY BAIL!
FIRST OF ALL, RUDE.
AND SECOND, GWEN DECIDED IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO LIVE HER SPANDEX-CLAD SPIDER-LIFE IN ANOTHER TIME ZONE THAN KEEP HER COMMITMENT TO THE BAND.
DO YOU EVEN HEAR HOW CRAZY YOU SOUND WHEN YOU SAY THAT?
LOOK, I HATE THAT GWEN'S NOT HERE! BUT WE CAN DEAL WITHOUT HER ON DRUMS, BECAUSE YOU'RE REALLY GOOD ON DRUMS!
AND IF YOU LEFT THE BAND IT'D JUST BE ME AND BETTY, AND WHO KNOWS, MAYBE SOMETIMES GWEN. WE'D HAVE TO BRING IN SOMEONE ELSE, AND I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE.
I DON'T WANT TO REPLACE YOU.

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU STAY?
JUST TELL ME!
MJ, IF YOU CAN'T FIGURE THAT OUT BY NOW...
JUST...LET OTHER PEOPLE EXIST OUTSIDE OF YOU FOR A CHANGE.
I CAN DO THAT.
CAN YOU?
PLEASE DON'T QUIT.
HEY, WHAT TOOK SO LONG?
A BOY WAS TALKING AT ME. IT WAS EXCRUCIATING.

GOD, NO WONDER YOU BROKE UP WITH HIM.
RIGHT, IT'S LIKE, WHY WOULD HE EVEN WANT THESE BACK?

HEY, YOU WERE AT THE PARTY! WHY WON'T YOU TALK TO ME? YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO GOOD FOR ME?

GOD, IT'S THAT GUY.
IS HE SERIOUS?

DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND OR SOMETHING?

YES, I HAVE A BOYFRIEND, GO AWAY!

I BET YOU'RE LYING, I BET YOU DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND. SHOW ME YOUR PHONE, I BET HE'S NOT IN THERE!

GO AWAY!
SERIOUSLY, BACK OFF.

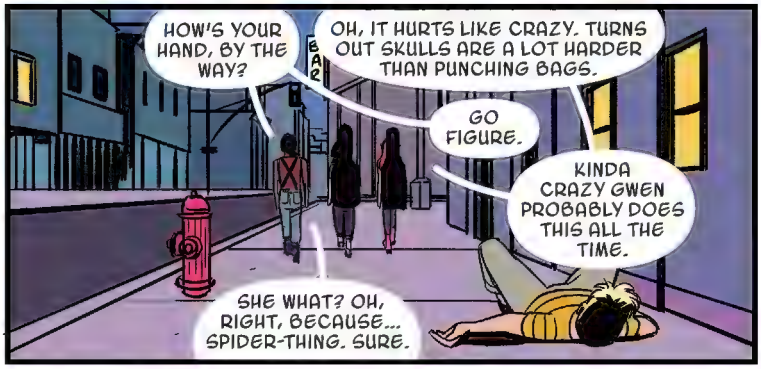
HEY!
GIVE ME YOUR PHONE!
WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?

DUDE, BACK OFF!
UUGH...

YOU...YOU JUST KNOCKED A MAN UNCONSCIOUS. WITH YOUR BARE HANDS.

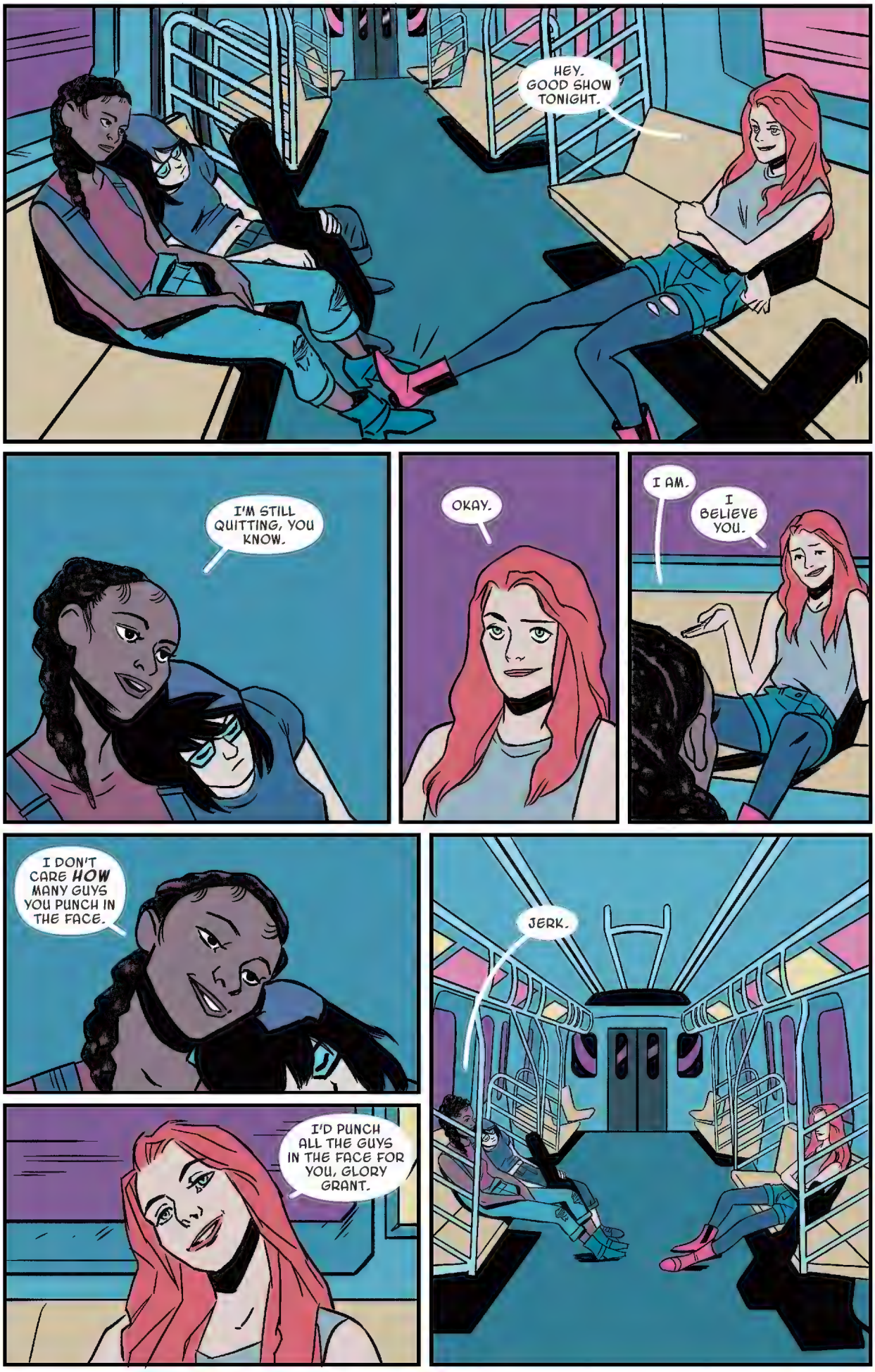
ARE YOU A SUPER HERO?
NAH, I JUST TOOK A CLASS ONCE.

READY TO MAKE USE OF ALL THIS ADRENALINE?!
YES, DEFINITELY.
SAME.


HOW'S YOUR HAND, BY THE WAY?
OH, IT HURTS LIKE CRAZY. TURNS OUT SKULLS ARE A LOT HARDER THAN PUNCHING BAGS.
GO FIGURE.
KINDA CRAZY GWEN PROBABLY DOES THIS ALL THE TIME.
SHE WHAT? OH, RIGHT, BECAUSE... SPIDER-THING. SURE.

HELLO, HELLO! HOW ARE WE ALL DOING TONIGHT? BACK THERE YOU SEE MY GIRL GLORY ON DRUMS. THAT'S BETTY ON BASS. I'M MJ.
AND WE'RE...THE MARY JANES.

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR!
hey blondie, keeping the stage warm for you.
come back in one piece, okay?


HEY. GOOD SHOW TONIGHT.
I'M STILL QUITTING, YOU KNOW.
OKAY.
I AM.
I BELIEVE YOU.
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY GUYS YOU PUNCH IN THE FACE.
JERK.
I'D PUNCH ALL THE GUYS IN THE FACE FOR YOU, GLORY GRANT.

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